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VITAL PEACE TALKS TO START SOON

Fourteen Die in Plane Collision

London, February 19.

Fourteen persons were killed today when a British airliner and an RAF training plane collided and crashed in flames near here.

British European Airways said six passengers and four crew members died in the twin-engine airliner. Four RAF airmen were killed in the trainer, an Anson bomber, the Air Ministry said.

Police investigating the crash, over the outskirts of Coventry, said there were no survivors.

The airliner was on a scheduled flight from London to Renfrew, Scotland.

The planes crashed in flames at the rear of a hospital. A police constable and a fireman who saw the collision said wreckage was strewn over a wide area.

—Associated Press.

U.S. Army Admits Spy Ring Report Release A Mistake

Washington, February 19.

The U.S. Army admitted today it had made a "faux pas" in issuing its report on pre-war Communist espionage in China and Japan.

Colonel George S. Eyster, deputy chief of the Army's Public Information Division, told newsmen the Army should have noted that the report was based on unsubstantiated information from the Japanese police and did not represent the view of the United States Government.

He said the Army had no proof to back up the report's charge that the American writer, Miss Agnes Smedley, had actively aided the Russians in the Far East in the days before Pearl Harbor.

Colonel Eyster said the report should have been edited more carefully. He said he knew of no plan to punish anyone for making the error, but he was certainly going to make sure that such a mistake does not happen again.

The report, which was made public last week by General MacArthur's staff in Tokyo, said there were two Communist spy rings operating in the Far East before the war—one in China and

Reaction To HK's Part In New Dominion

There was little reaction in Hong Kong yesterday to the report that a new British dominion is in prospect in South East Asia with the Colony included.

Asked for comment, a Government spokesman said that Hong Kong is not in the South East Asia area.

Whether this meant that Hong Kong will not be included in such a dominion could not be ascertained as the spokesman was not able to elaborate.

Comment from the public was that the whole issue was vague and too far ahead. Until details of the scheme are available, it is impossible to say how Hong Kong will figure in the picture.

Some ventured the opinion that the scheme is not practical, in so far as Hong Kong's inclusion is concerned. Hong Kong is too closely linked up with China economically, and her population is too preponderantly Chinese.

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Mao' Expected To Meet Dr. Shao Within Few Days PAI VISITS NANKING

Nanking, February 19.

Vital preliminary negotiations for peace in China are expected to begin within a few days at Shihchiachuang between the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and Dr. Shao Li-tse, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, according to radio-telephone messages from Peiping today.

Shihchiachuang, about 160 miles South West of Peiping, is the present administrative centre of Communist-occupied North China.

Dr. Shao Li-tse will leave for Shihchiachuang within one or two days, the Peiping messages said. He is expected to seek the early restoration of air and sea communications between Shanghai and Tientsin.

Confiscation Of ECA Flour

Shanghai, February 19.

The disclosure that the Communists in Peiping had confiscated ECA flour in that city yesterday, and the day before, was released here today, which said that Mr. Ritchie G. Davis, U.S. North China representative, has protested vigorously to General Yeh Chien-ying, Chairman of the Peiping Military Control Commission, against this unlawful act.

In a letter to General Yeh, Mr. Davis wrote that an ascertained number of bags of flour were taken from the ECA compound in the presence of 11 soldiers of the People's Liberation Army, and asked that this situation be remedied.

The ECA, here, said that they had 140 tons of flour in Peiping—Reuter.

Important Decision

Dr. Shao Li-tse is actually the unofficial member of the Shanghai delegation. He is the leading member of the Nationalist Government's peace delegation which the Communists earlier were said to have refused to accept.

Meanwhile, General Pai Chung-wee, Nationalist commander in central China, arrived here by air today from Hankow presaging important political decisions, expected to lead China still closer to peace.

General Pai has been summoned suddenly by Acting President Li Tsung-shan.

General Pai and President Li are close friends. They met immediately after Pai's arrival with General Ho Ying-chin and Mr. Tung Shao-shen, a member of the Nationalist Government's official peace delegation.

After a short conference, General Ho and Mr. Tung, left by air for Shanghai.

Army Issue

A reduction in National China's forces and merging them into a National army with the Communists is understood to be one of the Nationalist Government's peace proposals.

General Ho Ying-chin is also understood to have been consulted by President Li Tsung-shan on the subject.

Other unconfirmed reports said that President Li had offered the premiership to General Ho and observers regard it as not unlikely that General Ho might become the Premier after the Legislature Yuan is returned in Nanking about February 28.

The final decision of the Yuan to meet in Nanking and not in Canton, where the present Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, has evacuated his cabinet, was apparently taken today, reliable sources said.

Mr. Tung Shao-shen, President of the Legislative Yuan, this morning officially notified Nanking legislators that the Yuan would hold its next session in Nanking.

Legislators in other parts of China are expected to be informed tomorrow, and are due to reassemble in the capital by February 27. An informal meeting of legislators, planned for this afternoon, which was to have discussed the meeting place of the Legislature Yuan, has been postponed.

Barter Trade

Meanwhile, Chinese cashes reaching Shanghai reported that the steamer "Gao-shan" which left the port last week for North China with a cargo of flour is about to conclude the first barter deal ever negotiated between Nationalist and Communist China.

The vessel, which arrived in the Communist-held port of Chinwangtao yesterday morning, was expected to begin the return journey to Shanghai today with a full load of coal, exchanged for the flour.

The despatches also said that the Shanghai Chinese shipping representatives who travelled aboard the "Greater Shanghai" to meet high-ranking Communist officials to negotiate for the resumption of shipping services between Nationalist and Communist areas.

Another barter ship, the "Ts. Tongshan," was today busy loading flour in Shanghai, preparatory to following the trial blazed by the "Greater Shanghai."

Official sources in Shanghai said that the steamer had not taken any coal famine if these two ships were allowed to travel between Shanghai and Chinwangtao twice monthly to transport 100,000 tons of coal to the Southern port each month.

To Forward Views

Professor Wu Yu-hao chairman of the unofficial Nanking peace settlement group recently returned from Peiping, said he will go to Hong Kong tomorrow to convey Premier Sun Fo's position on a peace settlement to the Communists.

Professor Wu said the Hong Kong Communists will forward the Premier's view to the proper quarters in North China. It is clear that Dr. Sun Fo intends to use the Communists in Hong Kong as a medium for opening contact with party leaders in North China.

The Hong Kong Communists are not empowered to conduct actual negotiations. Earlier this week, the Sun Fo Cabinet put out a cautious feeler to the Hong Kong Reds.

Without disclosing details of his talks, Minister of Irrigation Chung Tien-shen reported that he had a satisfactory discussion with Hong Kong representatives in Hong Kong for a peace settlement. He said his conference had been unofficial but had been undertaken with prior consent of Sun Fo.

Dr. Sun Fo's gesture was considered by some political observers as an attempt to attract political support away from acting President Li Tsung-shan.

The Chinese Government meanwhile, is contemplating further currency changes, according to reliable sources in Canton. These changes include:

Silver Coins?

1. Lifting of all restrictions on transactions involving gold and foreign currency.

2. Issuance of gold bonds throughout Nationalist China in order to redeem the gold yuan and prevent further depreciation.

3. Issuance of silver coins.

The sources say that these proposals will be placed before an early meeting of the Executive Yuan by the Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan.

Reports reaching Canton from Nanking say that the central mint is busy producing

Peep Is Permitted



New season's creations by Paris designer Schiaparelli may not be photographed for release to a waiting world until March 15. Here a model, with a waist like great-grandmother wore, is about to don one of the famous house's gowns. The camera couldn't record it in its entirety, but got a glimpse of the heart-shaped picture hat and an assortment of the latest shoes. And the model, of course.—AP Photo.

U.S., Jap Shipbuilders Optimistic On Bright Future; Aussies Glum

Shipbuilders in the United States and Japan feel assured of a bright future, in contrast to their Australian counterparts.

A high ranking Australian shipping magnate has expressed the opinion that at the present rate of progress it was doubtful if Australian shipbuilding yards could keep abreast of requirements.

Japan expects a boom this year, with several standing orders from foreign countries.

Shipbuilding in the United States, though still far from reaching boom proportions, is currently undergoing an upward trend which is encouraging those who see the need for strengthening the nation's maritime industry.

According to recent surveys, private shipyards in America had under construction at the end of last year 75 merchant vessels, aggregating 1,173,430 gross tons and two dredgers. There were two passenger liners, three combination passenger-cargo ships, 64 oil tankers, two ferry-boats, three trawlers and one bulk carrier.

During 1948, 23 merchant ships of 182,300 gross tons were delivered; compared with 80 ships of 236,473 gross tons in 1947. But vessels ordered under the war construction programme were still being completed in 1947.

Notable Milestone

A notable shipbuilding milestone was marked recently when a US\$35,000,000 transport conversion programme for the Army Transport Corps was completed.

The conversion of the transports into luxury liners is complete down to lounges, promenade decks and nurseries. Five will go into the civilian service; two for the Orient trade, two operating across the Pacific and one probably will near-enter the Mediterranean.

Japanese shipbuilders expect a boom in 1949. With several orders from foreign countries on hand, and more expected, the nation will export at least 200,000 tons this year. Contracts signed so far call for the construction of 15 vessels, aggregating 172,050 tons.

The line-up given is: Denmark, two 5,400-ton freighters, one 8,950-ton freighter and one 10,000-ton tanker; Norway, two 5,000-ton freighters, one 8,000-ton freighter and two 15,000-ton tankers; Japan will also build eight 5,000-ton tankers for Norway, in addition to the two 5,000-ton tankers already ordered by that country last October.

Japanese shipping circles consider this as the beginning of re-

Britain To Give Siam Aid

London, February 19.

The British Government has agreed to give material aid to Siam's anti-Communist drive, according to official sources today.

Siam's Premier, Marshal Phibul Songgram, was said to have made a request for material help last year. The British Government, it was said, decided last week to provide arms and ammunition sufficient for five battalions of Siam's reserve anti-terrorist troops.

Official sources said Siam proved very co-operative in the anti-Communist drive in Malaya. They said Siam permitted a British Consul to be stationed on Siam's territory in the narrow peninsula joining Malaya to Siam to observe the movements of Chinese Communist bands across the border.

"Siam is giving a good example of co-operative action which is essential if Communism is to be eradicated in South East Asia," the officials said.

Other authoritative sources in close touch with events in south-east Asia told the United Press that the state of emergency announced in Bangkok on Thursday would most probably be followed, shortly, by a declaration of martial law.

Marshal Songgram was said to be taking very strong measures to cope with the intensified threat from Chinese Communists encouraged by Mao Tse-tung's successes in China.—United Press.

AND NO FLAT FEET?

Haverford, West England, February 19.

Seventy-four-year-old Andrew Jones, a Welshman, who has walked 188,000 miles—a distance of more than five times around the world.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT, (8 pm HKST) a weak anticyclone is centred over Japan. From it a ridge extends Eastwards to the Pacific. Pressure gradients over China are slight. Today's Forecast—Moderate Easterly winds with morning haze.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum:	60.5 deg. Fah.
Minimum:	50.0 deg. Fah.
Wettest:	1.6 inches.
Rainfall:	Nil. Total since Jan. 1—187.2 mm.—26.01 ins. as against an average of 22.6 mm.—2.46 ins. Readings at 10 a.m.
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Equal:	80.14 80.08 inches.
Rel. Humidity:	70 68.5%
Dew Point:	57 53 deg. F.
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Talks Between Shipping Agents, Survivors Fail

Negotiations between survivors of the Portuguese freighter *Masbate* and the local agents, Job-shun Shipping Company, ended in a deadlock again yesterday.

In a letter to the Company through the Chinese Seamen Union, the survivors and dependents of those still missing demanded compensation of HK\$1,500 each for a casualty and HK\$500 each for a survivor.

In addition they asked payment of HK\$780 for the Deck Department for provisions lost when the *Masbate* sank and HK\$750 for the Firemen Department, also for provisions lost.

An official of Job-shun stated last evening that the Company has agreed to pay \$200 each to a survivor if his salary in two months does not reach that figure and likewise \$800 to a casualty.

"We cannot accept their new proposals," he declared on receiving the letter.

Another discussion will be held this morning.

The survivors and dependents of the missing, but believed dead, refused to accept compensation as stipulated by the Portuguese shipping articles, and originally demanded instead seven months' and 18 months' salaries, respectively, as against the Portuguese payment of one month and three months.

The Chinese Seamen Union was approached to act as arbitrator for the survivors and the dependents.

Loss Heavily

The men claimed they had lost heavily in cash and clothing by the sinking of the vessel. They had bought a lot of warm clothing before leaving Hong Kong, acting under advice of the master they claimed.

The Company declared that they too had lost heavily. The trip was the first venture of the new owners and no business had been done at all.

The *Masbate* sank five minutes after colliding with the Chinese steamer *Hsing Hing* near Swatow en route to Shanghai on the morning of January 31 in thick fog. Twenty-two men of the crew of 48 survived.

The Portuguese master, Mr. C. V. Gomez, and the British chief officer, Mr. E. Bentley, are believed to be casualties among the missing. Only one officer survived.

Mr. C. Y. Wong, second officer, had completed making his statement to the local legal representatives of the agents. He made one in Chinese for the Chinese Customs at Swatow before flying for the Colony.

Mr. Wong, however, has already accepted his compensation as provided by the Portuguese regulations.

Dependents of Mr. Gomez have also agreed to the same ruling. It was reported. Compensation for Mr. Bentley would be made through the China Coast Officers' and Engineers' Guild, an official of the Company stated.

**CHINESE SHIP
LEAVES HK**

The Chinese steamer *Ting Hsing* resumed her journey to Shanghai with 7,500 tons of rice, after repairs to her leaking double-bottom tank were completed yesterday.

Walton and Company, local agents, reported that the No. 1 hold double-bottom tank was found leaking without apparent reason en route from Swatow to Shanghai. The ship called here for repairs, which were done in Kowloon Bay and completed yesterday morning.

Reminders

Today

Toe M Club classical concert, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching party, New Territories, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 9.30 a.m.

Recorded Musical programme, for arm Chair Group, European YMCA, 9.30 p.m.

Kai Tak Amateur Dramatic Society presents "Flare Path", Station Theatre, Kai Tak, 8 p.m.

No. 1 Regional Band, RAF, concert at United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, 11.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Chang Ta-chien.

All-Day American Tennis Tournament, Kowloon Cricket Club, 10 a.m.

Combined Oxford-Casuals XI vs. Cambridge, annual cricket match, HKCC, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

RAF Jet-Propelled Vampire Demonstration at Kai Tak, 8.15 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club Luncheon (Ladies Day) at "Majestic & Mirador" by Mr. M. S. Lee, 12.30 p.m.

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"Flare Path" At RAF Empire Theatre

(By KIMBERLEY)

At the Royal Air Force's Empire Theatre tonight, the Kai Tak Amateur Dramatic Society presents Terrence Rattigan's "Flare Path," and gives some acting performances of an extremely high order.

With the production of "Flare Path" the Society completes its first year in the local field of amateur theatre.

During this period they have entertained the public with four plays, varying in theme and mood; one always improving on the other.

The current presentation is their best, and many will agree that Jack Fennel is the most successful star-recruit to date.

This conviction is borne in his portrayal of the debonair young British pilot who soared bravely through the air and into the heart of his previously not-loving wife.

People At War

"Flare Path" tells the story of people at war; of the loves and lives of men and women, and of the strain under which they live. It tells a story of the RAF and of the men and their women who made it so. And most of all it features the characteristic habits of British understatement, which humour serves as a warm antidote to the tear-wringing stimulus of "Flare Path."

The Kai Tak cast for "Flare Path" is near to ideal. Fine performances are returned by Peter Gregory as the American film idol who for the first time in his life, loses his girl but battles on valiantly to the end.

Bert Ticknor as the Cockney air gunner sergeant, and Dorothy Ticknor (as his wife) provide the comedy.

Others in the cast include Phyllis Pacey, Isabel Pantin, Eric Hayhurst, Eddie Gannibill, Joan Blackburn, Pete Pacey and Paddy Daly.

**Submission
To Be
Considered**

The submission of Mr. A. S. C. Comber that defendant had no cause to answer was taken by the court for further consideration at the continued hearing of the uttering a forged cheque charge preferred against 25-year-old Ng Kwok-kuen before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

At the conclusion of the case for the Crown, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, Mr. Comber said that he sympathized with the prosecution as they did their best to make bricks without straw.

There was no evidence whatever against his client, and even the man from the bank (Kong Siu-yit) of the National City Bank of New York could not say definitely whether the cheque was a forgery or not. He could only say that if the cheque came into his hands he would not accept it on the ground that it was issued by the Bank of America, which he did not know.

Accused, said Counsel, was in the habit of receiving cheques from his father, all of which turned out satisfactory. They were all guaranteed by Tang Wah-yang, master of the Chung Wah Laundry at Cheungshawan Road.

Both defendant and Tang were from Tai Shan. It is a well known fact that people of Tai Shan are one of the most trusting people on earth, and that they are usually picked as the victims for "Tin Tin Kuei" rackets.

Finally, said counsel, in both his statement and his answer to the charge, accused told a straightforward story. He stated on both occasions that the cheques belonged to a legitimate shop, and being unable to find a guarantor, solicited their help. When he received the \$2,520 he handed the money to the man Lai Chuen-kwan.

The court announced that it would take the submission under consideration and adjourned the case until 10 a.m. Defendant was formally sentenced for a week and a half to jail to the sum of \$2,520.



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, watching a demonstration of Group Hearing Aid by pupils of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf, whose new home he officially opened yesterday afternoon.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

Governor Opens School For Deaf

The new home of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf at Digmund Hill was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday afternoon.

The building is a two-storey reinforced concrete structure, housing the school office and classrooms on the ground floor and students' dormitories and staff quarters on the first floor.

Cost of the building and equipment is HK\$300,000 of which HK\$130,000 has been subscribed by the public.

The Governor, accompanied by his ADC, Captain Wilson, arrived at 3.30 p.m. and was received by Miss Li Luk-wa, principal of the School, and Miss B.M. Pope, chairman of the School Council.

Giving a review of the School's history, Miss Pope said it was started in 1835 in a house at Dabington Path with six pupils. The number increased to 52 in 1941 when the School was accommodated in three houses in Kowloon City.

In 1949 Sir Geoffrey Northcote, then Governor of Hong Kong, visited the School, and, learning of their desire to acquire a Group Hearing Aid, authorised a grant of money from public funds for the purchase of the equipment.

This set was lost during the occupation, but Dr. Littler, under whom Miss Li Luk-wa studied at Manchester University during the war, had a new Group Hearing Aid made specially for the School. This set, said Miss Pope, was now in use in the School clinic.

The School also has another valuable equipment—the audiometer, which tests the degree of deafness of deaf persons.

The new home was completed in the latter part of last year and the pupils moved in a month before Christmas. The number of pupils has now reached 29, most of whom are boarders.

Most Grateful

"We are very grateful to the public for their support to our cause. It shows they realize their responsibility to the unfortunate deaf in their midst," said Miss Pope.

"We are also most grateful to the Government for the free grant of this fine site to us for our school building, and also for their generous promise of a HK\$100,000 grant in aid of our building fund and equipment."

"We are, however, still short of HK\$100,000, and we appeal to the generosity of the Hong Kong public to come to our support to enable us to pay this off."

Miss Pope said that an organization known as Friends of the Deaf has been formed to arouse greater interest in the work of the School and to raise funds for its support. Members will be required to make an annual subscription of at least HK\$10. She appealed for as many people as possible to join as members.

Sir Alexander Grantham said it was most inspiring to come to a place like the School for the Deaf, where one saw so much good work being done.

"You have chosen to aid the deaf," said Sir Alexander. "The work requires patience, infinite patience, if success is to be achieved. Your reward is the gratitude of your charges and their parents; but I am sure you did not do this work for gratitude. It is a labour of love, unselfish love, and not for seeking any reward."

Spiritual Help

Sir Alexander went on to say that modern science and research has helped a great deal in giving mechanical aids to the deaf. But, however, as only material help, they must also be human understanding and human sympathy, spiritual help. The combination of the two makes for the success which the School has achieved.

The efforts of the School, in receiving and expanding their activities after the war, despite wartime difficulties, was commended by the Governor. It was one of the greatest steps forward, he said.

"You have helped to restore our faith in human nature,"

Wedding At Union Church

Miss Ruth Litvin, well known pianist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Litvin, of 8 Salisbury Avenue, was married to Mr. C.A. Ken Teller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Teller of "Penrith," Hatfield Road, Gloucester, England, at Union Church yesterday afternoon.

The Reverend Frank Short officiated.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father. A long string of pearls was worn over her white velvet gown, cut in a Victorian style. Her veil was trimmed with lace and held in place by a beaded coronet.

She carried a bouquet of orchids, flown from Bangkok.

The bride's mother was matron of honour and Major C.W.L. Way best man.

The reception was held at 128 Waterloo Road, the future residence of the couple.

Sir Alexander stayed for both the tea party and the subsequent demonstration in which he took a keen interest.

Among the large number of guests at the function were Bishop Hall, Sir Maclean and Lady Lo, Mr. J.H. Ruttonjee, Mr. M.G. O'Connor, Canon F.W.L. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Ashton, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Mr. E.K. Kwok, Mrs. A. Woo, and many others.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. P. Polak, Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Crew, Mrs. W.M. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Merkel, Mrs. W.V. Mortimer, Mrs. B.C. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Orlovitz, Mr. and Mrs. D. Chang, Messrs. W.E. Lester, J.E. Judd, C. Egli, E. Narayanan, P.A. Holt, R. Schindler, W.Y. Chu, T.F. Wheeler, J.M. Long, G.H. Townsend, J.S. Scott, M.O. Saker, T. Lieu and P. Kapur.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Miss L. Warner, Mrs. C. Cooper, Mr. V. Brown, Mrs. V. Schumacher, Mrs. J. Reed, Mrs. M. Balout, Mrs. R. Thiruvalluvar, Messrs. H.T. Samson, D. Naudé, A.S. Trippie, E.K. Polgren, A.M. Reyes, L. Slason, C.M. Dugan and J. Alme.

Mr. F. Smitherman left for Kowloon yesterday by the ss. Sinking.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony from Canton yesterday by the ss. Fathman were Mr. and Mrs. J. MacRae, Dr. and Mrs. G. Milne, Mrs. E.H. Hall, Miss Laila Eroland, Miss F.C. Rigbee, Miss Marion J. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Behling, Mr. and Mrs. O. Thimo, Messrs. Duncan Fraser, Charles Lee, Kenneth H. Allen, Gerald B. Teed, B.M. Lancaster and T.A. Herlick.

Mrs. May Cohen and Messrs. John Edwin Potters and Charles Robinson arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Swatow by the ss. Taiman.

Mrs. K. Landes, Mr. and Mrs. K. Boroff, Mrs. Turner and two children, Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Adams, Sisters Bern and Ramira, Messrs. J.V. Pickering, Owen Richards, J.P. Cabott, L.G.E. Ramage and W.A. Hammett have arrived from Shanghai.

At 7 p.m. today, Pandit Rajah Ram, Indian Educationalist, will speak at the Indian Recreation Club. The subject of his talk will be "India's Part in The New World Order." All interested are invited to attend.

**NO REPLY TO
PETITION**

No reply has yet been received by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce from Government to its petition for a revision of the Doctor-Creditor Ordinance.

The petition sought a revision of the article in the Ordinance relating to the cancellation of a doctor's licence on account of bankruptcy.

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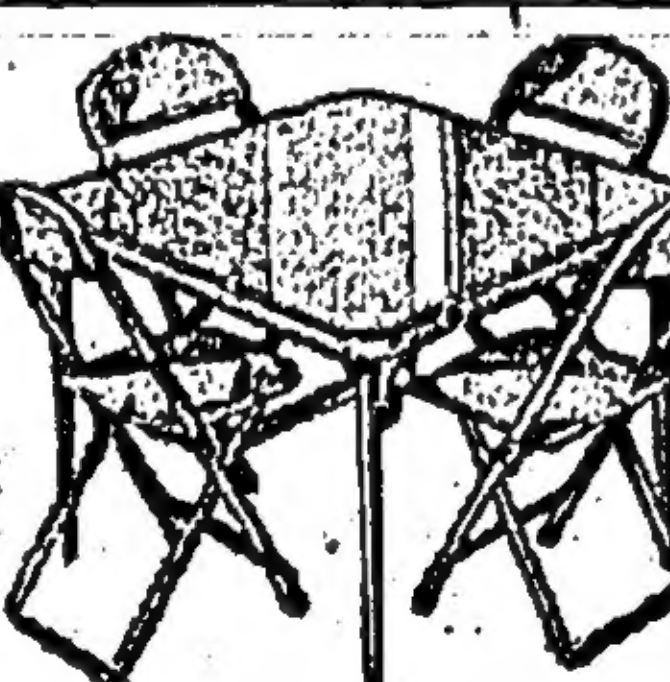
There will be a casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" on Monday, 21st February at 8.00 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. The meeting is open to all and new members are especially invited to attend and read.

NOTICE

W. Harvey Francis L.D.S., R.C.S. (Edin.) has joined A. J. Staple L.D.S. (Brist.) at 134 Gloucester Building, Tel. 27450.

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The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to close at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 20, will now close on Tuesday, February 22, 1949, at 10 a.m. GPO 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

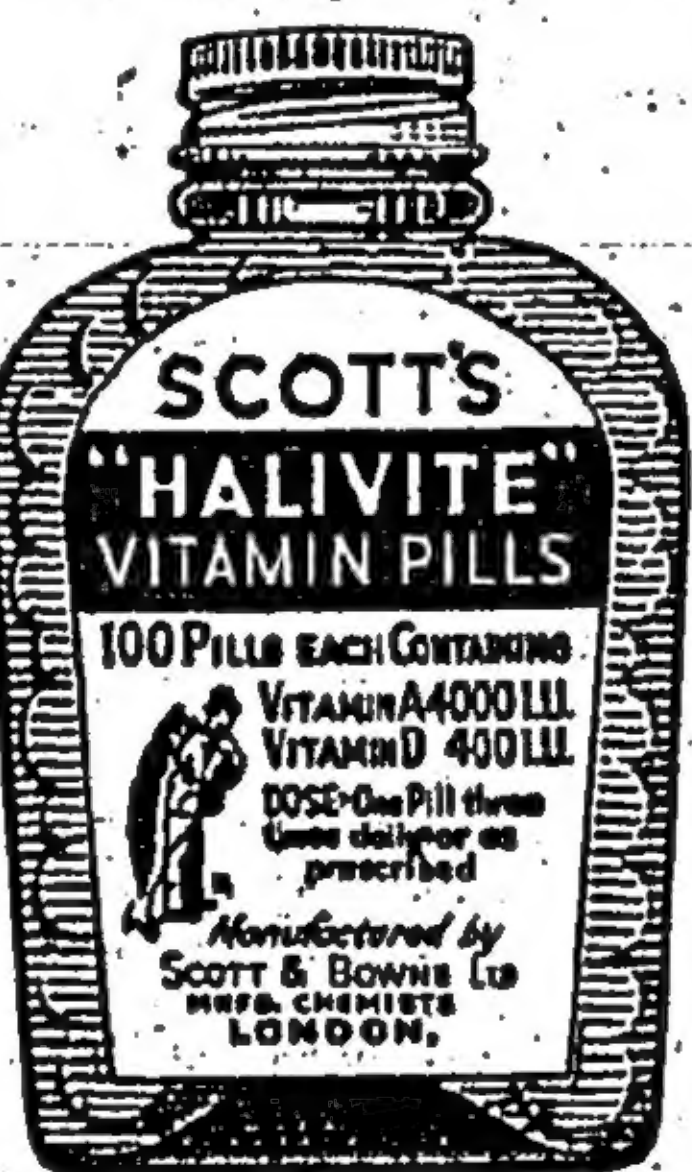
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 8.30 a.m., Noon.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kuning and Calcutta, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Tientsin; Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Fochow, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10/2 (Ord.) 5 a.m., 10/2
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 6 p.m., 10/2, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 10/2
Airmail for Hongkong and Hankow, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10/2, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 10/2
Closing Times by Sea
Swatow, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, 10 a.m.
Shanghai (via Canton), 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Kuning and Luchow; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, (Reg.) 8 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
Airmail for Fochow, (Reg.) 8 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
Airmail for Batang and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Swatow, 11 a.m.
USA, Central and South America via San Francisco, (Reg. and Res.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Batavia, Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia, Japan, 2 p.m.
Bangkok, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy, Noon.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Alexandria, (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
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Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Certain Standards

Sir,—An advertisement appeared in the last edition of the "Sunday Herald", headed "Company Secretaryship". The advertiser offers to train persons with clerical experience, for admission to a recognised professional body as qualified persons after only six months spare time postal study. The advertisement ends "Qualify by our intensive Method for admission to a recognised professional body as Fellow or Associate."

In the interest of any intending acceptor of this offer, and as the Honorary representative in Hong Kong and China of the largest and second oldest British professional secretarial body, I desire to point out that any reputable professional body of this nature demands certain standards as a necessity to qualification. These invariably include a requisite period (usually three years) during which the candidate must have been employed in an approved secretarial capacity, (or as an articled pupil), plus success in at least three examinations and possession in the first instance, of an approved educational qualification. Since the three or more examinations must be taken at intervals of at least six months each, it naturally follows that a considerable period must elapse between the first one and ultimate qualification, and that six months study, however intensive, could not fill the required conditions.

I wish to make it very clear that I have no intention or desire in any way to decry the ability of the Advertiser to train secretarial students; indeed, since I have never before heard of them, and have no knowledge of their organisation, it would be improper for me to do so. I merely wish to assure any prospective students that qualification and admission to the Corporation, which I have the Honour to represent, is not possible after only six months' postal study.

I enclose the syllabus and qualifications for membership of the Corporation for your perusal and in confirmation of my statements. In conclusion, may I please add that I will be willing to give advice to persons having intentions of pursuing a Professional Secretarial Career.

C. F. MILES, F.C.C.S., F.H.A. Honorary Representative for Hong Kong and China, The Corporation of Certified Secretaries, Secretaries Hall, Fitzroy Square, London.

Pen Friends Wanted

Sir,—I would be grateful if you could find space in your valued paper to publish my name and address, and the fact that I would welcome a pen-friend with a view to exchanging stamps.

WM. GIBNEY, Retiree Common, Navan, Co. Meath, Eire.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB-MUSIC GROUP CONCERTS

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Chinese Detective Summoned

A Chinese detective was summoned before Mr. A. D. Scholes yesterday, for demanding money with menaces from an opium divan keeper, convicted last November and now serving a prison term.

Defendant in the case is Hau Fong. His counsel is Mr. J. McNeil, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Leslie. For the prosecution is Mr. Marcus da Silva representing the complainant, Siu Wah, one of the smokers in the convicted man's divan. Opening his case, Mr. da Silva said that on November 18, Hau Fong, the defendant, went to an unnumbered hut at Sai Yee Street where a man named Ho Yau was operating an opium divan.

Defendant asked the keeper for \$200 to keep his divan from being raided. The keeper, Mr. da Silva continued, asked for two or three days' grace in order to raise the money. The defendant came back to the divan on November 20 but the keeper was still unable to produce the amount asked.

Mr. da Silva said that the keeper then came to know that defendant was a detective.

Police Raid
On November 22 a party of police led by an European Inspector raided the divan and Mr. da Silva said, the keeper identified the defendant among the police.

The keeper and smokers were arrested and charged before Mr. J. Wicks at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

During the hearing of that opium case, Mr. da Silva said, the keeper said from dock that defendant who was in court, had demanded money from him, and this led to the raid.

Mr. J. Wicks then remanded the case for three days and ordered an investigation. After that, the keeper was convicted and imprisoned.

Principal witness for the prosecution is the keeper, Ho Yau. The court adjourned to February 23 at 11.30 a.m. when further cross examination of witness will continue.

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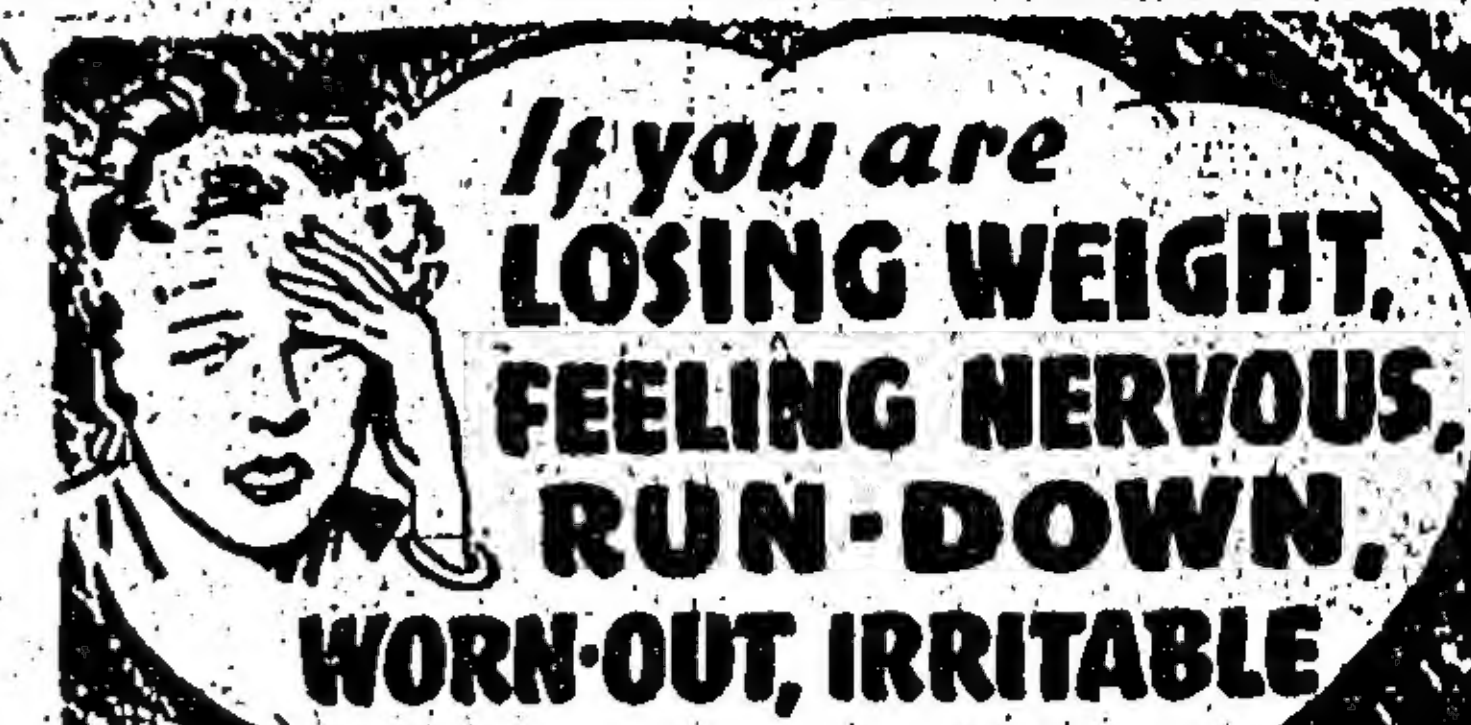
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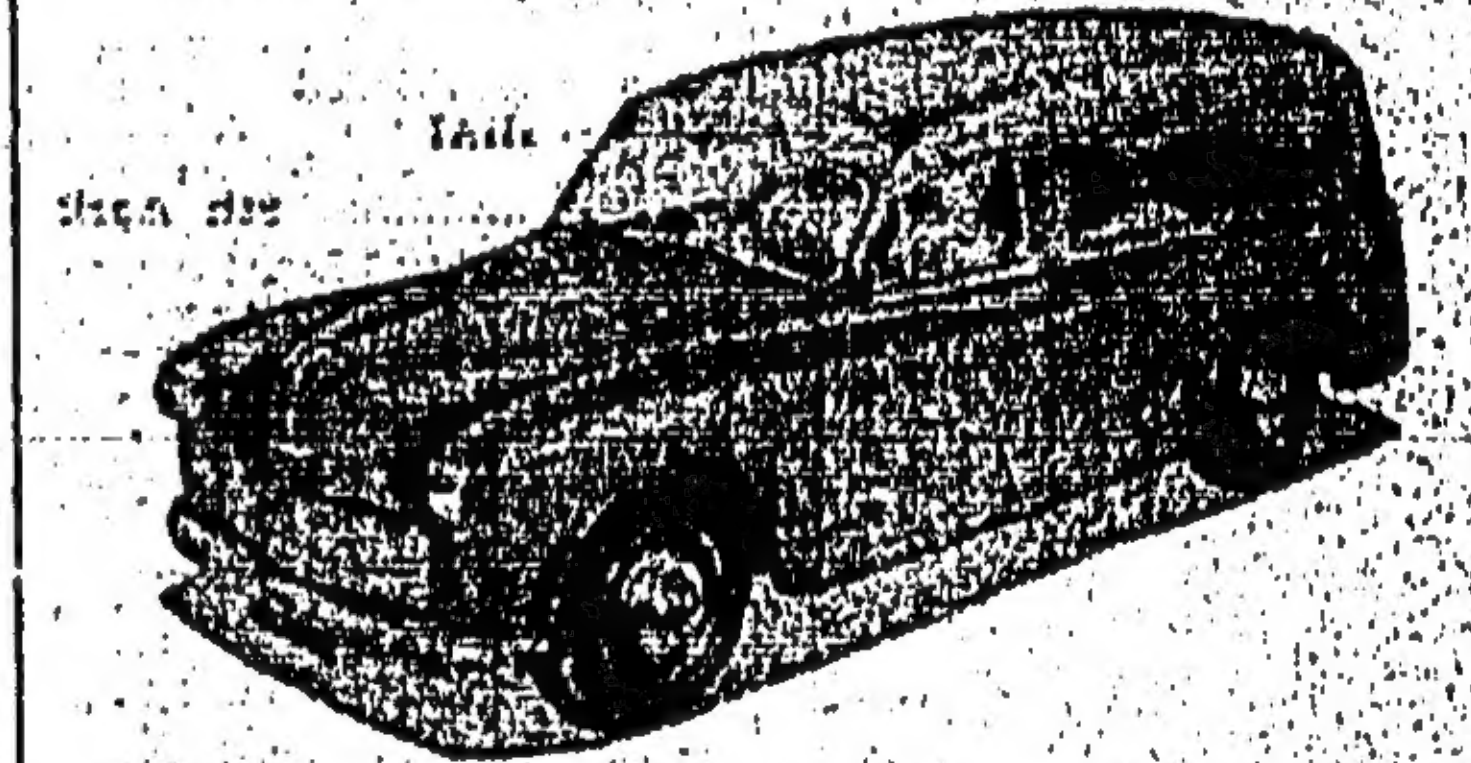
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CHILDREN OF THE RAF'S MERCY AIR-LIFT

**A.V. SELLWOOD tells how
thousands of youngsters
are being flown from Berlin
to a new future**

Here, the pretty German blonde, sits beside the RAF pilot as the Dakota dunes Westwards through the corridor.

We have left Gatow ten minutes behind us. We are on our way to Lubeck, in the British zone.

And, in case anyone should think it a little irregular that a German blonde should sit so chummily beside a British pilot, I had better explain.

It is eight years old. Her flight rolled plants the satchel clasped excitedly in her hand, the wriggling excited feet, could belong to your daughter, my daughter, or the pilot's daughter; the daughter back home in the Stacey suburbs, the daughter whose picture rests in his tunic pocket.

Thousands of words have been written, millions of figures compiled, to show the world the monumental success of the air-lift INTO Berlin.

Outward Bound

Only an occasional communique reveals the story of the people who are being flown out, the mercy missions of air crews who are making one, two, three sorties a day to give old people and young children new chances of life in the West.

Nearly 40,000 passengers have been brought from Germany and of this total 897 were sick, needing treatment not obtainable in Berlin, and 11,378 were delicate or undernourished children accompanied by mothers and escorts.

Most of the children came out under a scheme which is a triumph of smooth co-operation between German health officials,

the men and women of Control Commission, and the organisers of the air-lift.

It is 10.45 a.m. As the grey morning spreads over smokeless chimneys of Berlin the children arrive at Gatow under the care of a British escort.

They are in the best of spirits, bawling songs at the top of their voices, swinging their huge identity labels up and down, hurrying satchels and small bags into the waiting Dakota.

A cluster of Remmel caps and fun hats, they clamber into the aircraft while a German school-mum vainly attempts to secure order and silence. Where she fails the pilot succeeds.

'Are You Happy?'

Then a short address is made, well received. The CCG man advises how the escape hatches open, where the bags are kept in which small Berliners may be

politely air sick (but YOU won't be sick, he adds comfortingly) while one of the crew checks that every one of his small charges has his or her safety belt buckled according to regulations.

The school-mum settles uneasily in the corner next to the crew's compartment. The children cheerfully recommence their singing. "Every-one

happy?" shouts the Captain in English. Twenty-one German voices bowl their "Ja!"

Outside the CCG man waves his good-bye. The aircraft thunders off the runway.

The children peer out as the Dak lifts over pines and fir, and the slight tassel, its banks lined with shattered empty country houses, slides below.

Their jabber rises above the thrub of the engines. Little Willi claps a piece of bread and jam from his satchel, and the school-mum asks me nervously "Are Dakotas SAFE?"

In Defence of Daks

I ask the Captain. He says: "Daks feature so often in crashes merely because there are so many of them. They're really the safest machines. Say a word in their favour....if you've got the space."

I've said it. Lubeck, base that operates the Dakotas on the air-lift, and place where most of the children arrive, is sensitive on this score. So far its Daks have made over 10,000 sorties, carried nearly 50,000 tons of passengers and freight.

It is brought forward into the cockpit when we are ten minutes from Berlin. She spends

another ten minutes sucking an orange given her by the signaller and asking questions such as "Where are we?" "Is this the British zone yet?"

We touch down at Lubeck. The aircraft slows to a stop. The engine noise cuts out. Two minutes after the words "Remove safety belts" 21 children are indulging in what appears to be a Ruggie scrum on the tarmac.

Only the school-mum has been sick. Again the Captain restores order among the children.

At truck arrives with two grinning Germans who shepherd them on the first stage of their journey—a night at Lubeck reception centre before they go on to hospitals, hostels and friends in Hamburg, Dusseldorf and other areas.

Making Friends

What effect is this aspect of the air-lift having on the future? Will the boys and girls who so cheerfully waved goodbye and shouted "Thank you, RAF," grow into the Nazis of 1950?

I asked Major A. Simmonds, CCG representative at Lubeck, controlling transport of refugees. Old and young. He said:

"Only time can show. But the journey gives the kids something they will remember all their lives."

"In my opinion it makes them far more friendly than quite a lot of school lessons, and enhances our prestige."

Two hours later we are on our way back to Berlin. Our cargo this time? Oxygen cylinders for Berlin hospitals, food for the Berlin housewife.

The air-lift rumbles on.

Wanted--A Union Of Brass Hats

By Captain Russell Grenfell, RN

The senior Socialist Ministers, being presumably a little dubious about the efficacy of their broad-cast appeals for more recruits for the regular branches of the Fighting Services, have now roped in Mr. Churchill to try his spell-binding powers.

I feel certain that what is essentially an economic problem is not to be solved by oratory, not even Mr. Churchill's.

Indeed, none should know better than our present Ministers that verbal appeals to patriotism cut no ice and create no hawspieces where the pay packet is concerned.

They tried this technique out on the trade unions over the wage stabilisation question. But the comrades did not respond. They assumed the frozen face and continued their claim.

The members of the Regular Forces are far from being unduly mercenary in their outlook. But if it is not money that they are thinking of when they join up, they are thinking of money very soon after, and for the same reason that Antarctic explorers think and talk of little but food—because they haven't got enough of it.

General Impoverishment

Never before today has there been such general impoverishment in the Fighting Services. There is hardly an officer who is not in debt, and the economic position of the lower ranks is correspondingly bad. Knowing this, their brothers, sons, nephews, and cousins, being in any case affected by post-war anti-Servicé reaction, naturally look elsewhere for a career.

The basic trouble is that the pyramid of Service pay has been squeezed so flat that it is now impossible to raise anyone's pay without giving him more than the rank above him; which explains, among other things, why many men refuse to go in for promotion, which carries greater responsibility but hardly any more cash.

The only way any worth-while pay reform can be made is by a substantial increase at the top, as the necessary prelude to increases lower down.

Unfortunately, for everyone concerned, the politicians' evidently regard it as undemocratic to give increased pay to admirals, generals, and the like—probably because there seems to be a notion that they are in some way representative of the idle rich.

Admirals And Dentists

Actually, their pay is absurdly low. The nationalised dentist is allowed to earn £4,800 a year without being thought overpaid. I tremulously hasten to say that I am all for dentists being well rewarded; but I should hardly have thought that their national responsibilities are nearly twice as heavy as those of the admiral who commands the Home Fleet, whose pay amounts to £2,920.

Nor is it clear why the chairmen of the coal, transport, electricity, and other boards should receive twice the salary of the First Sea Lord and about three times that of an admiral afloat, none of the former gentlemen being in the daunting position said to attach to anaval command-in-chief of being able by himself to lose a war in an afternoon. It is actually far more remunerative to be an area gas manager than to command the Fleet of England.

With the pyramid of Service pay under the compression that it is, the only pretence at improvement can be by the creation of, or tinkering with, allowances.

That is why the Services have their amazing array of distressed great-grandmother allowances, invalid sister allowances, and so on, which have no counterpart in other walks of life.

This governing factor in the situation does not yet seem to be realised even by the people most concerned. The other day a very distinguished flag officer rose in the House of Lords to appeal for more pay for able seamen. Had he demanded more pay for himself he would have been doing the able seamen some real service.

Discreditable History

The long and discreditable history of the subject shows that the politicians, with the Civil Service Treasury officials for ever plucking at their sleeves, will never do anything adequate about Service pay. They will procrastinate indefinitely.

They will almost prefer to see the volunteer Services disappear altogether before granting a rise which, when given is always too little and often too late. They will be quite ready to resort to conscription, as they did in the 18th century, and to which they have partially returned in the 20th, rather than put Service pay on a satisfactory basis.

The only hope of a real improvement lies in the admirals, the Fleet, field-marshal, and marshals of the RAF taking a firm line in looking after themselves.

They are all on the Active List. If they will only threaten to resign their commissions in a body unless their pay is doubled, to bring it somewhere near the same level as that of the trade union superannuants, who have been dislodged with the nationalised sinecures, they will assuredly get their way, and in getting it will be taking the most effective steps in their power to improve the lot of the able seaman, the private soldier, and the aircraftman (second class, and thus to attract volunteers into the Regular Forces.

Senior officers have always told their juniors that they must never act on their own behalf; their seniors will do it for them. Now is the time for the seniors to act on those promises. What is needed for the solution of the manning problem is a sub-Union of super Brass Hats.

A TRUE SHORT STORY

ROMANCE IN RUSSIA

When she was 18 Tanya Svetlova did some clerical work for an American working in Russia. He paid her seven dollars a month.

Tanya wanted to marry the American and go to the States with him—but he went home alone.

Unfortunately the Secret Police got inquisitive about the dollars she earned, and after grilling her tried to get her to spy for them.

Tanya, sick with terror, confided in a short, dark-haired stranger she met at a party. He was Nick, an official photographer, who said: "You should leave immediately. Marry me, and I'll take you away."

"But I don't love you," she said. "I don't love you either. You can divorce me whenever you like."

"They do not marry at once, but live together."

Marriage

Telling of her subsequent adventures in Russia, Tanya writes: In August 1933 Nick and I registered our marriage.

The whole ceremony took about 10 minutes. The clerk, a misbegotten woman, automatically asked us for our passports, and inquired what was the purpose of our visit—she registered births and deaths as well.

"What is the actual date of your...marriage?" she asked.

"Thirteenth of June," I replied. No more questions were asked.

"I did not even change my name," I said.

"Don't you like mine?" asked Nick.

"My father's mother, whom I loved very much, asked me not to change my name if I got married."

Tanya has a baby girl, which dies. Later they quarrel, and Tanya tells Nick: "By the way, don't consider me your wife any more." Tanya is again pregnant.

She and Nick postpone the official divorce till after the birth. The child is a girl. They go to the register-office.

The small woman opened a big ledger and asked curtly. "The name of the child?"

"Anna," Nick said.

"I don't like Anna," said Tanya. "Citizens, if you haven't decided, stop aside."

"Anna," Nick repeated.

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**BRITAIN'S COMMUNISTS
KEEPING UNDER COVER**

London, February 19.

British Communists are showing a tendency to go underground. Political observers say they are reverting to pre-war camouflage tactics.

Their object is to meet more successfully the anti-Communist campaign started both by the Labour government and the trade union leadership. The new tactics are designed to protect the individual Communist Party members against purges now in progress among both civil servants and trade union officials.

Two British Communist Party members are believed to have instructed its members among the civil servants to resign outwardly from the party and to dissociate themselves from it but to keep direct contact with the party machinery.

Secrecy Sought

Thus the Communist Party would have in future a category of secret members known only to trusted party officials and otherwise considered as "non-party people" or as "sympathisers."

Similar tactics are known to have been applied successfully by numerous Communist parties before the war.

British trade union quarters believe the Communist camouflage manoeuvre will make itself felt in the British trade union movements as well. The Communist Party politbureau, it is said, is taking for granted that the front-rank Communist trade union leaders will have to leave their posts before long.

In view of that eventually, trade union circles suspect, a second set of Communists will be standing ready to step in and to carry on the infiltration work.

Such new Communist agents in the trade union movement, trade union circles gather, are likely to operate most carefully and are expected to seek election to trade union posts in the disguise of "non-Communists."

Campaign Succeeding

Trade union quarters admit it would be more difficult to counter-act the manoeuvres of the new type of underground Communists than the intrigues of openly-operating party members.

The claim that the campaign against the latter, which was started last November, has been eminently successful so far, since more than half of the almost 20 unions affiliated with the TUC have endorsed the official anti-Communist line of the TUC general council.

The remaining unions are holding executive committee meetings and, almost all of them are expected to subscribe to the purge of Communist trade union officials. The TUC pamphlet warning the individual unions against Communist infiltration has become a best-seller, and three editions were sold out in one month alone.

The official anti-Communism of the TUC met opposition only in isolated cases, such as the Scottish mine workers—United Press.

**MURDERER TO
GET PARDON?**Springfield, Illinois,
February 18.

Nathan Leopold, who is serving two sentences for one of the nation's most sensational murders, is to be granted parole hearing on April 12 for his work as a "guinea pig" in wartime medical experiments.

Leopold is serving sentences of life and 30 years for the kidnapping and killing in 1924 of 14-year-old Bobby Franks of Chicago.—United Press.

**Brutal Murder Of
U.S. Officer**

Athens, February 18.

An official American statement today accused Greek bandits of murdering Lieutenant Colonel Selden Edner, unarmed American observer in a Greek plane which made a forced landing in guerrilla-held territory on January 27.

An inquiry after the bandits had been driven from the scene of the crash—the mountain town of Karpenisi—showed that both Colonel Edner and his Greek pilot were alive when the aircraft crashed.

Colonel Edner was brutally killed by the bandits as he stepped out of the slightly damaged machine.

Both bodies were found mutilated.

**PURGE OF
BRITISH
SCIENTISTS**

London, February 18.

Four more British scientists, doing secret work in the Admiralty and the Ministry of Supply, have been discharged as suspected Communists.

None was employed on atomic research.

The new purge raises to 16 the number of Whitehall specialists on political grounds and swiftly follows the dismissal made by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States to the U.S. Secretary of State for guaranteeing that Western European nations remove Communists from Government ranks.

The demand was made in connection with the North Atlantic Pact—United Press.

**ALGERIAN
FREEDOM
DEMANDED**

London, February 18.

Ahmed Medzaria, Algerian deputy in the French Parliament, today demanded complete and immediate independence for Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

Medzaria, an Arab Moslem and one of five members of the Algerian Popular Party elected to the French Chamber of Deputies, made the demand at a press conference attended by representatives of the Egyptian Embassy and the Lebanese Legation.

He said the French Government shows a total lack of understanding for the dependent peoples of the French Union. This he said, also applies to the Socialists, who became reactionaries after they entered the Government.

Medzaria listed three movements in Northern Africa which he said, are determined to obtain full independence: his own Algerian People's Party; the Neo Destour Party of Tunisia; and the Izlquidat Party of Morocco.

He described his Party as democratic and said he has no connection with the Algerian Communists, since the latter approve of the French Union.

He added that he wants to see Libya free and united, but under a Republic and not a monarchy.—United Press.

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10.45 a.m.—Music of the People played by the International Light Orchestra (H.K.T.).

11.00 a.m.—Relay of the Service from St. John's Cathedral, Free Church, The Very Rev. Dean A. P. Rose.

12.00 p.m.—Organ Recital by Dr. G. D. Cunningham.

12.15 p.m.—The Light Opera Company.
12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.

12.40 p.m.—Light Variety with Dick Haymes.

1.00 p.m.—Kastor and His Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—News Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—A Popular Concert.

2.00 p.m.—Oliver Brown.
2.25 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.00 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter, (London Relay).

6.15 p.m.—"Hand Call" BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Rae Jones (London Relay).

6.45 p.m.—Carmen Cavallero and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis, (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A Review of the Week's Programmes, (Studio).

7.30 p.m.—"Come into the Parlor" Music and Song from Northern Ireland, (H.K.T.).

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.
8.15 p.m.—"Take It from Here" (London Relay).

8.45 p.m.—"Emma" A novel Jane Austen, Adapted for Broadcasting, by H. Olfendick Box, (H.K.T.).

9.15 p.m.—"Symphony Concert" Beethoven Concerto in D Major, Op. 61, Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel, (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.30 p.m.—"Symphony Concert" (Cont'd.) Caser, Francis Symphonic Variations, Alfred Cortot (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald, (H.K.T.).

11.00 p.m.—Epicure Conducted by the New Frank Weaver, (Mission to Rome), (Studio).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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WHERE THE ROYAL NAVY LEADS AND FAILS

Although the Royal Navy is in much better shape than it was a year ago, there are a number of disquieting features about its strength and composition.

We have fewer major warships than ever before. Only half of our man-of-war force of 12 fleet aircraft carriers are in commission. We have little more than a third of the 70 cruisers which Jellicoe estimated to be the absolute minimum necessary for the defence of our seaborne trade. We have too few destroyers. And the speed of most of our frigates is inadequate to counter the latest submarines. Since the end of the war, 10 battleships, have been scrapped, 45 aircraft carriers have been broken up, reverted to mercantile service or returned to the United States, while 30 cruisers and 100 destroyers have been scrapped, discarded or transferred to foreign powers.

Yet not a single warship of any of these categories has been ordered in the three and a half years' tenure of the present Government. Moreover, the construction of even these warships laid down by the previous Government is practically at a standstill.

No Advance

Of the 10 aircraft carriers nominally under construction the Eagle, laid down in 1942, is not yet completed, while her sister ship, Ark Royal, begun in 1943, is not yet even launched.

Of the four begun in 1944-45, the Albion, Bulwark, and Centaur have been launched, but not the Hermes. Of the remaining four, begun in 1945, the contracts for the Hercules, Leviathan and Power-

ful have been allowed to lapse under a time clause, and, although work on the Majestic is about to start, she is going to the Royal Australian Navy. No work is being done on the "cruisers" Blake, Defence and Tiger, begun in 1942-43, and none of the eight large "D" class destroyers ordered during the war has yet been launched.

Warships cancelled after the war include the aircraft carriers Gibraltar, Malta, and New Zealand of 45,000 tons, African and original Eagle of 36,000 tons, and Arrogant, Monmouth, Polyphemus, and original Hermes of 18,000 tons; the cruisers Bellerophon

and Hawke; 40 large destroyers of the "D" "Weapon," and "Battler" classes; and thirty large "A" class submarines. Many of these had been laid down or launched, but were broken up.

In August, 1939, we had 15 battleships, seven aircraft carriers, 65 cruisers, 180 destroyers, 57 submarines and 40 escort vessels. Today we have five battleships, 12 aircraft carriers, 20 cruisers (excluding five for disposal), 112 destroyers, 88 submarines, and 170 frigates.

Our present strength in these categories is not equal to what we could expect to lose in war.

During 1939-45 we lost five battleships, eight aircraft carriers, 20 cruisers, 130 destroyers, 83 submarines and 52 frigates.

Our warships streamed home from overseas to have their components adjusted, and—except for token forces left on foreign stations, which proved to be totally inadequate, as evidenced by incidents in China, the Falkland Islands Dependencies, British Honduras, and West Africa—the

British Fleet was diminished. In less than a year sufficient men were trained to provide the ships with "interim peace complements." The Home Fleet was restored. It now comprises one battleship, two aircraft carriers, four cruisers and 16 destroyers. Before the war it included seven battleships, two aircraft carriers, 6 cruisers, and 20 destroyers.

The Mediterranean Fleet, now comprises two aircraft carriers, five frigates and six submarines. In 1939 it included four battleships, an aircraft carrier, six cruisers, 37 destroyers and seven submarines.

The America and West Indies Squadrons have been doubled since the incidents last year. It now comprises two cruisers and four frigates.

Much To Do

But much remains to be done. Two aircraft carriers, two cruisers, a large minelayer and five submarines, with their parent ship, withdrawn from the Far East Station, have yet to be replaced.

For three years after the war the Royal Dockyards were engaged upon practically anything but their proper job of refitting warships. While they made articles normally produced by factories in outside industry, hundreds of warships were laid up without refit, and they were rapidly deteriorating.

Last September came news of an Admiralty reversal of this policy.

Seriously disturbed at the international situation, the Admiralty decided to bring forward the Reserve Fleet for refit. But what could have been managed piecemeal during the preceding three years proved to be too much for the Royal Dockyards in one month. They could not find berths for all the ships to be refitted, and some had to be farmed out to private enterprise, thus bringing home to the Government the folly of doing civil work in naval yards.

At the moment some 100 Reserve Fleet ships are being refitted in the Royal Dockyards and thirty others in private shipyards.

What of the morale of the Royal Navy? I have seen for myself that this is second to none. During constant visits to H.M. ships and shore establishments, and, more particularly, in an aircraft carrier during the Autumn Cruise of the Home Fleet, I have observed a new spirit in the Fleet—the fine, keen spirit of a new-born Navy.

Senior officers tell me that they are very satisfied with the calibre of the young men joining the Service as a full-time career.

A few days ago Admiral Sir Algernon Willis, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, and a wartime Chief of Naval Personnel, said that the Royal Navy is in a healthy state, that morale and efficiency are high, that recruiting is very satisfactory, and that we are getting all we require for a service which has always had an appeal to the youth of this country.

Well Ahead

In spite of the upheaval and re-orientation of the post-war period, the Royal Navy is probably a year or two ahead of the two other Services in planning and organization.

We are fortunate in having Admiral of the Fleet Lord Jellicoe as First Sea Lord, as well as a hierarchy of outstanding flag officers to serve him.

A parallel and integrated re-organization has taken place in Naval aviation, the personnel of which now amounts for 25 to 30 per cent. of the total strength of the Royal Navy (145,000).

If war were thrust upon us there is little doubt that the Royal Navy would give a good account of itself at sea, under the sea and above the sea.

But the Navy badly needs a programme of new construction. We cannot go on for ever scrapping and reducing without replacement, and still be prepared.

The Chinese people have no wish to compel Britain or any other foreign country to enter into economic relations with China or to agree with us in the form of government we prefer.

We prefer that our relations with foreign nations be based on equality. There are, however, nations who insist on building such relations on a basis of special concessions. These, naturally, meet opposition from the Chinese people.

Time has now come to prove whether or not Britain is a second-rate partner of America in Far East dealings and whether she and the Labour Government in Britain really care about the interests of the Chinese people.

With the Communist gaining control of China, Hong Kong will meet difficulties. The Colony's peace and order will be threatened if war breaks out nearby. As China is undergoing a great change and abnormal events on the Colony's frontier are likely to occur.

In this respect, organization of a defence force to preserve internal peace and order is really necessary.

Riots are likely to occur, but they will be political in character and at the instigation of the Communists.

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WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Wah Kin Yat Po: During the Governor's tour of the New Territories he was addressed by Mr. Li Ching-chong, Chairman of the Tai Po District Assembly. Mr. Li suggested to the Governor that a Chinese middle school and an English middle school should be established in the New Territories. He also suggested that irrigation schemes should be developed to bring more land under cultivation, a hospital should be set up, and trade classes should be introduced for the benefit of the poor.

The Governor has promised that a good school will be established soon and that the other proposals in Mr. Li's address will be considered. The Governor's replies fell short of the New Territories people's expectations. His promise, however, has at least met the people's wishes half way.

The importance of education and medical care in the New Territories needs no stressing. It is a great regret that despite his population of more than 100,000, it has neither a Chinese middle school nor an English middle school.

Government may lack the necessary funds, but as the people in the New Territories pay taxes just the same as the people in the urban areas, it is an obligation of the Government to look after the needs of the people in the New Territories. Any development and welfare schemes in the New Territories will obviously benefit the whole Colony.

American Aid

Sing Tao Jih Pao: Hints by Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Lapham in the Economic Co-operation Administration of possible further American aid to the Kuomintang government in China has raised hopes in many.

It is easy to rally support of American capitalists to the view that support of the Kuomintang regime is equal to anti-Sovietism. It is true that expansion of Communist influence in China means the weakening of America's anti-Soviet position in the Far East.

The purpose of American aid to the Kuomintang Government of China during the past three years, has been to monopolize, economically, the China market, and politically and militarily, to consolidate America's anti-Soviet position in the Far East.

Schemes to give further aid in merely an attempt to save special

economic rights which are in danger of being completely lost, and to preserve a foothold in China to oppose Russia.

Domination of the Security Council of UNO by America and European states will vanish if China goes pro-Soviet. Under the United Nations, America will balance the power of the Kuomintang against the Chinese Communist Party, to preserve part of her special economic rights on the one hand and to forestall any possibility of a Communist China from being admitted to the United Nations Organisation.

In recent years, America has been menaced by over-production, increased unemployment, and dwindling purchasing power of her people. Money and materials supplied to the Kuomintang were intended to boost trade to avoid a repetition of the 1929 economic crisis.

Failure of Madame Chiang Kai-shek to secure aid from America has forced President Chiang to abandon his post temporarily. In view of all this, the current rumours of further American aid is not surprising. Though billions of American dollars may again be wasted, America will be able to achieve part of her purpose.

Foreign Interests

Wen Wei Po: It has been reported from London that important British interests in China are pressing for assurances from the British Government that recognition of the entire solid-line government of China will be forthcoming.

Such agitation on the part of the British merchant in China is not strange, as British has the biggest share in foreign investments in China.

In the past such interests were protected by the "warship" policy which holds is no longer applicable. The attempt by the United States, during the past three years, to grab all economic interests has failed.

British realists adopted the correct attitude and disapproved the use of force. Had they done otherwise, they would be in the

same boat today as the Americans. Most Britons are more concerned about their interests in China than with the form of Government in China. Some believe that under a new administration, the position of Britain will be more favourable because America has lost her friendship with the Chinese people.

To speed up internal economic recovery, Britain cannot afford today to suffer any blow to her economic interests in any part of the world. Whether this will form the basis of future British policy is, however, still a question.

The Communist Party as well as other democratic parties have made it clear that China will press legitimate foreign interests in China. China needs foreign trade to obtain necessary reconstruction supplies.

The Chinese people have no wish to compel Britain or any other foreign country to enter into economic relations with China or to agree with us in the form of government we prefer.

We prefer that our relations with foreign nations be based on equality. There are, however, nations who insist on building such relations on a basis of special concessions. These, naturally, meet opposition from the Chinese people.

Time has now come to prove whether or not Britain is a second-rate partner of America in Far East dealings and whether she and the Labour Government in Britain really care about the interests of the Chinese people.

With the Communist gaining control of China, Hong Kong will meet difficulties. The Colony's peace and order will be threatened if war breaks out nearby. As China is undergoing a great change and abnormal events on the Colony's frontier are likely to occur.

In this respect, organization of a defence force to preserve internal peace and order is really necessary.

Riots are likely to occur, but they will be political in character and at the instigation of the Communists.

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PALESTINE TALKS ENTER LAST LAP

London, February 18.

The Egyptian-Israeli armistice talks in Rhodes today entered what observers describe as the last lap of discussion over Boorshaba, chief town of the Negov.

The Egyptians have asked the Israelis to evacuate their troops from the town and substitute a civil administration.

ZAMORA DIES IN EXILE

Buenos Aires, February 18.
Senor Alcala Zamora, former President of Spain, died in Buenos Aires this morning. He was 71.

Known for his oratory and simplicity, he became the first President of Spain after the fall of the Monarchy in 1931. Deposed by the Cortes shortly before the civil war in 1936, Senor Zamora went into exile first in France and then in Argentina.

He first became a Cabinet Minister in 1917. Five years later he retired from public life till 1930, when he emerged as a prime mover in the events that led to the overthrow of King Alfonso.

He came from Andalusia—the 'Garden of Spain.' Dark-skinned, shabbily dressed and insignificant looking, he preferred his Madrid home to the former Royal Palace in Madrid, using the latter only for his official duties.

As President he returned to the Treasury considerable sums from his salary of about £50,000 a year. After his election he gave his first day's pay to a fund for poor children.

In 1941, after he had left Spain, Franco court sentenced him to 15 years' exile and confiscation of all his fortune.—Reuter.

PRO-NAZI PAPER UNDER BAN

Berlin, February 18.

The American authorities have banned the circulation in the American Zone of the Swiss bi-weekly 'Neue Politik' published in Zurich, alleging it is a vehicle for Nazi views and anti-occupation propaganda.

"The tone of the paper is such as to foster and commend to the German people the wrong kind of nationalism, and each issue contains malicious articles about some phase of the occupation in Germany," Colonel Gordon Texor, Director of the American Information Services, stated.—Reuter.

The Israeli will refuse, as they did an earlier Egyptian demand that they evacuate the town entirely.

Conference circles in Rhodes generally predict that the Egyptians will accept the Israeli viewpoint that they must retain full military control of Boorshaba, a vital road junction.

The Israeli representatives are reported to have told the Egyptians that the town is too far behind the front lines to constitute a threat against Egypt.

The expected return to Rhodes of the Israeli legal adviser, Dr. Rosen, is held to indicate in informed quarters that the drafting of an armistice agreement may be well be under way by the week-end, with a possible signing early next week. It is not now believed possible for this to take place at the week-end.

Well-informed sources in Damascus disclose details of a Jewish-Lebanese armistice draft agreement drawn up at several frontier meetings.

Jerusalem

The Jewish terms are said to include:

1. Withdrawal of the Arab Liberation Army (sponsored and financed by the Arab League) and two Syrian Army regiments from Lebanese territory.

2. Liquidation of Lebanese rural properties in Galilee as of the Jewish National Fund.

3. Jewish civilian rights in the Lebanon to be preserved.

The Jews undertake to pay compensation for private property in Palestine belonging to Lebanese nationals.

The Egyptian newspaper 'Al-Ahram' reports that a proposal to leave the Old City of Jerusalem to the Arabs and the New City to the Jews is being studied by the Sub-Committee of the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

The proposal provides for the establishment of a joint Council of Representatives of Arabs and Jews, and delegates from the United States, Britain and France, to administer both parts of the Holy City.—Reuter.

80-YEAR-OLD IMMIGRANT

Perth, February 18.

The liner Ranchi arrived in Fremantle from London today with 937 immigrants aboard. They include 80-year-old Mrs. E. Tichburne from Croydon, who will join her son, Reginald Hill, in Sydney.—Associated Press.

American Use Of Manus Base

Canberra, February 19.
Australian External Affairs Minister, Herbert Evatt, said yesterday that American naval forces will use Manus Island in an emergency and Australia will use American bases.

Mr. Evatt told the House of Representatives that there have been no differences between Australia and the United States over the Australian Government's decision to take over the Manus base which was built by America during the war.

Manus is an Australian mandate in the Admiralties.—Associated Press.

Pontiff To Broadcast To World

Vatican City, February 18.

A mass demonstration of Rome Catholics in St. Peter's Square on Sunday against the treason trial of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary will be broadcast over Vatican Radio and the Italian national radio network.

Vatican short wave stations on 31.00 and 40.20 metres will start transmitting descriptions of the rally—expected to be one of the biggest of recent years—at 10.15 a.m. GMT.

At 10.30 a.m. GMT the Italian network will pick up the broadcast and will send the programme out over short wave stations on 19.84 and 25.40 metres.

It has been announced that the Pope will impart the blessing 'Urbi et Orbi'—to the city and the world—and Vatican sources have said he will also address the throng.—Associated Press.

Fighting Raging For Insein

Rangoon, February 19.

Burmese Government troops continued their advance on rebel-held Insein yesterday under cover of a terrific artillery barrage supported by air and naval action.

A Government spokesman said planes bombed and strafed Karen positions around Insein's railway station which dominates both the road and rail approaches to the town, 10 miles from Rangoon.

While Government land forces approached the railway, naval guns pounded Karen-held points along the waterfront.

Unofficial reports said that the Karens, who want to set up an independent Karen state, made an unsuccessful all-night bid to knock out Government forces occupying Buddhist monastery overlooking Insein.

The Government communique said fighting has broken out in major towns in the Yamethin district of Central Burma. In this area, the communique said, the rebels are using armoured cars. It said a six-hour attack upon the rail town of Lwe had been repulsed.

The communique added that Government reinforcements have been rushed to the defence of Lwe and Pymyana on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway. Meanwhile, a captured commander of mutinous Burmese army troops broadcast a radio appeal yesterday to rebellious Karen tribesmen: "Sue for peace—yours is a lost cause."

Lieutenant-Colonel Mya Mung, commander of the Second Burma Rifles, advised Karens to surrender before it is too late. He was captured while leading evicting army troops in a drive from Prome to assist Karens fighting in Insein.

His broadcast was over the Government-owned Rangoon radio.—Associated Press.

Supernatural Events Not Yet Established

London, February 19.

The psychic world has been shaken by the contention of a brilliant young investigator that despite 70 years of research, it still needs more evidence to convince science that there are such things as supernatural happenings. Into the paranormal class Dr. D. J. West lumped premonitions, apparitions or ghosts, telepathy and dreams that come true.

The essence of this report, published by the Society for Psychical Research, is that there is no unshakable case for any of the categories.

To criticise or pointing out the possibility of error in some of the classic cases usually presented as evidence of paranormal events, Dr. West emphasised that dreams occasionally do come true and that telepathy does work on occasion.

But he understands that there is no evidence it happens outside the usual mathematical laws of probability. Thus millions of people dream every night and it would be unusual if some of these dreams did not coincide with an event.

Millions of people are thinking of other people. It is likewise not surprising that there are some "telepathic" contacts.

Classic Cases

Dr. West, who has done intensive investigation into alleged mischievous ghosts called poltergeists and other psychic phenomena, does not feel that such inquiries should be ended. He said the few exceptional examples do strongly suggest a psychic explanation and it is the duty of investigators to see that final proof either for or against the theory is produced.

Among the classic cases examined by Dr. West is the dream of a Dutch woman in 1937 that Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands would be killed in an automobile accident. She wrote a letter about the dream to a Dutch psychologist and two days later Prince Bernhard was involved in an accident roughly as the woman had dreamed it. However, there were differences, including the important one that the prince was not killed.

Dr. West recalled the case of David McConnell, a Royal Air Force pilot who was killed in a crash at Tadcaster at 3.25 a.m. on December 7, 1918.

At that moment at his base 60 miles away his friend Lieutenant Larkin was reading. Larkin heard a familiar clatter, the door burst open and McConnell looked in and called, "Hello, boy!" A few minutes later Lieutenant Garner-Smith dropped in and Larkin told him McConnell was back. When they learned later that McConnell was dead, Larkin refused to believe it.

No Real Evidence

Dr. West considers that the best case of its kind but pointed out that it could have been a hallucination. At least, the copper-riveted evidence that it was not hallucination is not available.

Hallucination, he adds, can produce remarkable effects.

With the hope that investigators would make greater efforts to obtain unassailable evidence, Dr. West related the case of the president of a small club which met once a month in England. At the time of one meeting the president was very ill and while the other members were discussing business they were startled to see the deathly-pale figure of their president walk into the clubroom and take his place in the vacant chair.

The apparition looked about in silence for a moment, rose and walked out. The members talked over the visitation and next morning learned the president had died at about the time they thought they saw him.

Dr. West said the incident created a tremendous furore and affidavits attesting to the ghost were drawn up. But later a nurse confessed that she had left the patient's bedside to go to a nearby shop and that when she returned she found his bed empty. He came back soon, however, collapsed and died. She never dared to reveal what happened for fear of ruining her professional reputation.

So the "ghost" was a real person.—United Press.

SILLY SEASON IN COMMONS

London, February 18.

Mr. John Platts-Mills, left wing Independent Labour Member of Parliament, is to ask the Minister of Defence in the House of Commons next Wednesday by which treaty or agreement the United States submarine Dogfish is to spend a month with a destroyer flotilla of the British Home Fleet.

He also wants to know whether the Minister is satisfied that the security of the anti-submarine detection devices in the Fifth of Clyde will not be compromised by the presence there of "this warship of a foreign power."

Mr. Platts-Mills was expelled from the Labour Party last year because his views were considered to be on the left.—Reuter.

NOT TO BE THERE WILL BE BEST

London, February 18.

British Army officers were advised today that the best defence against the atomic bomb is not to be there when it goes off.

"The British Army Journal," a new War Office publication, said the problem of defence against the bomb is the most awesome of all.

It said that in an atom bomb raid 99 per cent may be casualties, and continued: "The use of rockets to carry the bomb makes the picture even worse."

"Whether we shall succeed in designing an effective active defence for a long time is most problematical."

The article added: "There is reason to hope that protective weapons and technique will be improved."

"It is possible to design air raid shelters to give the maximum protection, and this protection will be quite appreciable,"—Reuter.

EIGHT KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Buenos Aires, February 18.

The United States Embassy today announced that Colonel Gerald Williams, United States Air Attache here, his wife and six U. S. Air Force men were killed when a C-47 belonging to the Air Force crashed in the mountains of North Western Argentina.

Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Colonel Arthur Parker, who was killed at Corregidor by the Japanese.—United Press.

VACCINE RUSHED FOR REFUGEES

Paris, February 18.

Medical supplies worth \$450,000, including diphtheria vaccine, DDT and skin, eye and intestinal medicine, are being rushed to Middle East refugees, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund announced here today.

The World Health Organization has asked for the supplies.—Reuter.

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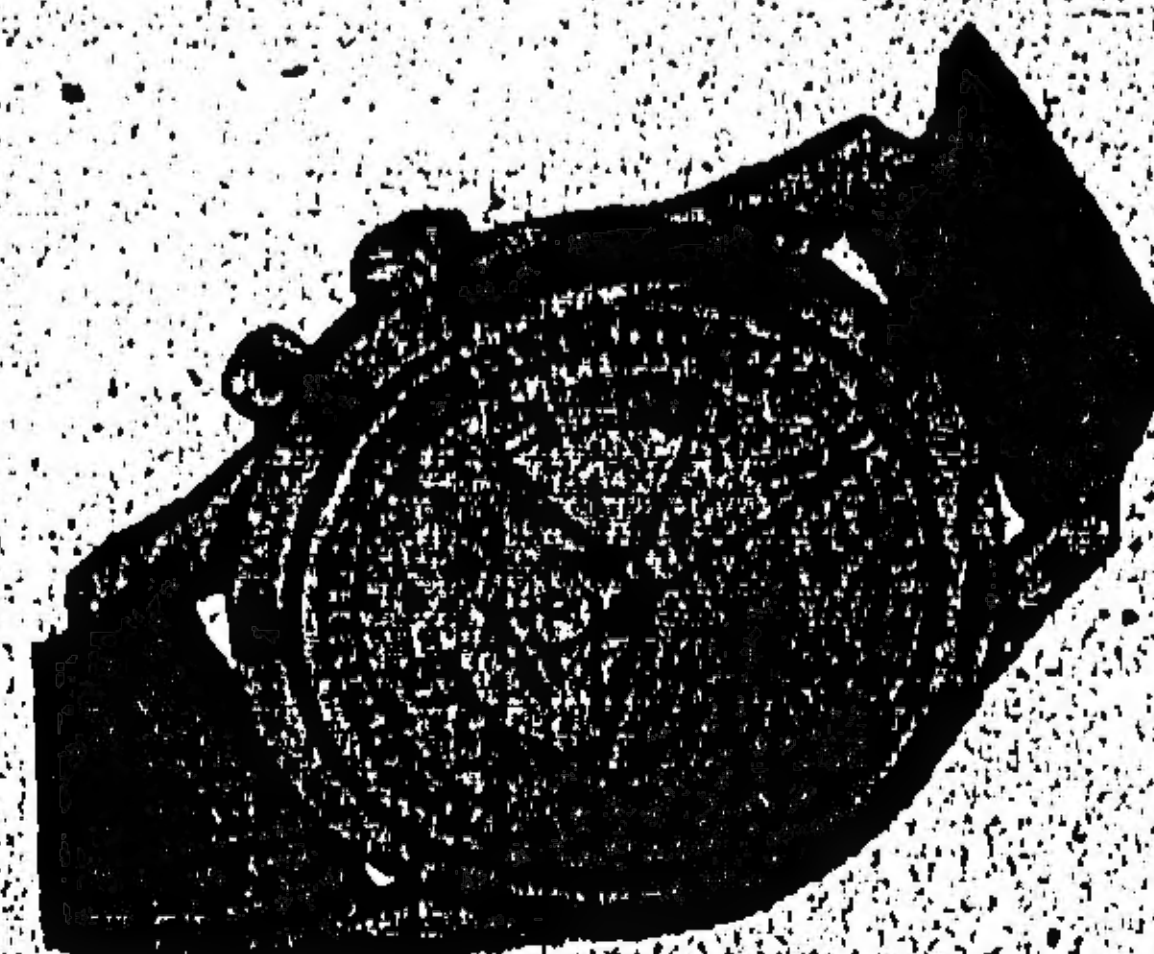
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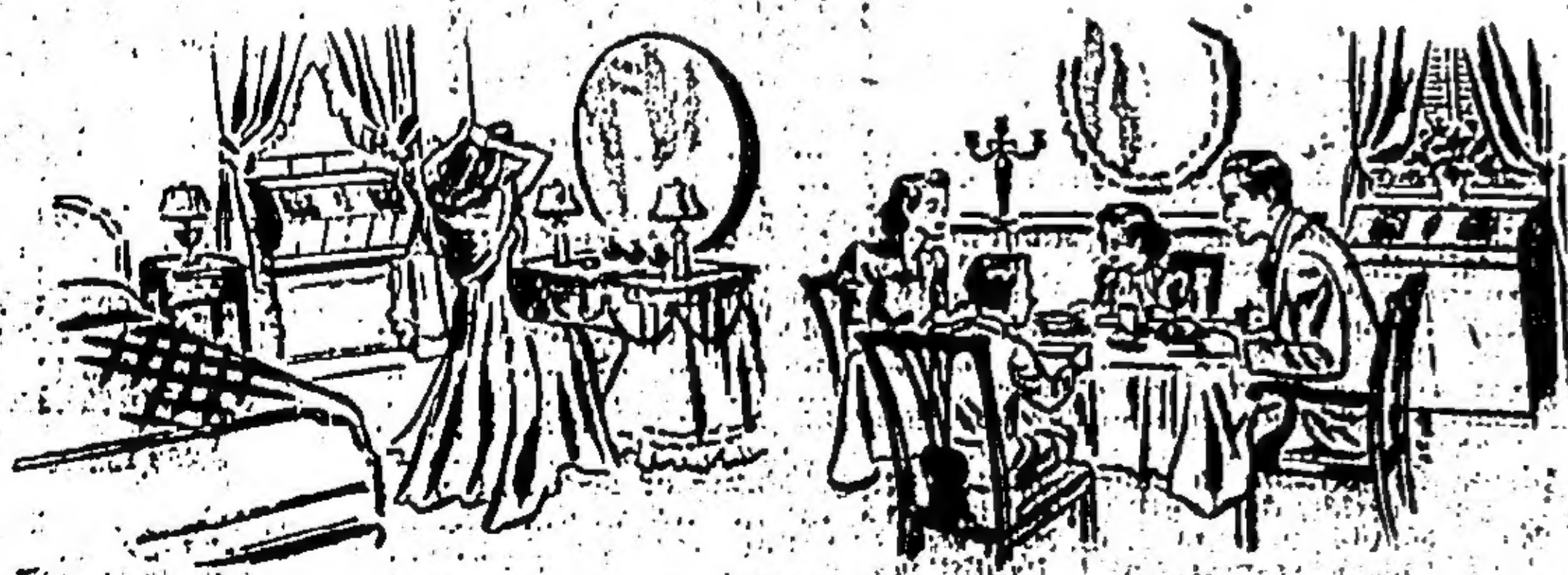
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SOVIET LABOUR CAMPS A BIT OF HEAVEN!

Lake Success, February 18.

Julius Katz-Suchy of Poland today termed American accusations that millions of persons are held in slavery by the Soviet Union a ridiculous fantasy.

He told the Economic and Social Council that workers in the world's capitalist countries are actually feudal serfs.

In a two-hour speech to the Council, he devoted two minutes to defence of Russian corrective labour camps, which he claimed are pleasant, self-governing, self-supporting communities with universities, hospitals, stores, apartment houses, factories and recreation facilities. He added that most of the inmates are juvenile delinquents.

The Polish representative was participating in a debate over the United States proposal that the International Labour Organization, a UN affiliate, and the Human Rights Commission study the problem of forced labour throughout the world. The American proposal was based on

a recent memorandum submitted by the American Federation of Labour.

Mr. Katz-Suchy scoffed at American accusations that between 8,000,000 and 14,000,000 persons are held in Soviet forced labour camps, but retained from stating the number of corrective labour camp inmates.

No Pay

He said: "The use of injunctions and the Taft-Hartley Act likewise means forcing workers to work (in the U.S.)."

He added the negro and Mexican labourers are held in bondage and in peonage. He claimed also that less than one-third of the South Africa and the British and Belgian African colonies, the natives are forced to work for no pay or for so little they are never out of debt.

As the Council prepared to vote on the United States' resolution, the Russian delegate said he wished to make a statement that would be several hours' long. The slavery debate was adjourned until some time next week.—United Press.

Acquittal Of Colonel

Hanover, February 18.

Lieutenant Colonel Percy Firth was acquitted by a Control Commission High Court today on a charge of stealing 91 tons of scrap.

Colonel Firth belongs to the Reparations Deliveries and Restitutions Branch of the Allied Control Commission. The scrap was alleged to have been stolen from a British Army depot near Hildesheim and a German dismantling contractor was alleged to have received it.

Judge Howe today said the prosecution had failed to prove the theft. The judge said the commander of the depot who had given permission for the scrap to be removed thought that Colonel Firth was entitled to dispose of it.

In Britain, the judge said, a jury might have found Firth guilty of false pretences but in the present trial that was not possible.—Reuter.

Maine To Moscow In Five Hours

Washington, February 19.

United States Senator Millard Tydings says the American Air Force has a plane that can carry a 10,000 pound bomb load from Maine to Moscow in five hours.

He identified the craft as the 600 mile-an-hour Boeing B-47 jet bomber.

In his original remarks to Department Commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said the plane he had in mind could fly to Moscow, return to Maine and then go back to Moscow.

Air Force experts say they know of no such plane.

Senator Tydings, reached later at his office, said he was referring to the experimental jet bomber which recently broke speed records with a cross-country West to East coast hop.

Manila Watch On HK Drugs

Manila, February 18. Customs, Secret Service and Harbour Police units have been ordered to keep a close watch on shipments of medicine from China, with a view to forestalling any illicit importation of prohibited drugs.

Action was taken due to reports that there are unusually heavy shipments of medicines and drugs from Hong Kong to Manila.—United Press.

CARDINAL CASE FOR THE UN?

Lake Success, February 18.

A group of Latin-American states has decided informally to take the case of Cardinal Mindszenty into the United Nations.

A reliable source said the Latin Americans are considering raising the issue when Hungary's rejected application for UN membership comes up again before the Security Council.

The Philippines is also involved in the plan. Argentina or Cuba may introduce in the Security Council a resolution condemning Hungary's Communist government for trying and sentencing the Cardinal.

One factor is likely to interfere with the plans. Delegates interested in injecting the issue into the United Nations are delaying any final decision until they see what is anything the United States and Britain plan to do about it.—United Press.

ANTHONY EDEN ON

ATLANTIC PACT AND PEACE DISCUSSIONS

Sydney, February 18.

The conclusion of the Atlantic Pact would create the best possible conditions for the discussion of peace, Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, who is touring Australia, said in a speech here today.

Mr. Eden declared: "Surely we have learned one thing—the democratic nations, the free countries of the world, are more likely to reach an agreement with other countries if they are negotiating from a basis of strength."

"The Atlantic Pact seems to me a desirable and necessary corollary of Western Union."

Mr. Eden was addressing more than 300 guests at a luncheon given in his honour by the United Nations Association, the Institute of International Affairs, the Royal Empire Society and the Institute of Industrial Management.

Mr. Eden continued: "This is one of the three great unities of which I spoke in Britain some time ago. The first is unity of will; the second is the unity of Western Europe; the third is unity of the North Atlantic."

"Such arrangements cannot conceivably be regarded as aggressive moves undertaken by Western Europe or a means to peace. On the contrary, the conclusion of an Atlantic Pact would, in my judgment, create the best possible conditions for the discussion of peace."

Mr. Eden said the conception of Western Union is new. "The project was formally discussed between us when the war was still in progress."

"Our Western Allies know all about it then and raised no objection. On the contrary, comments were favourable. It was natural enough for it cannot surely be said that it is right to have mutual treaty arrangements between the countries of Western Europe."

"It is my own belief that close relations in a political, economic and military sphere between Britain and our neighbours in Western Europe can be of benefit to the peace."

Mr. Eden added that it should be an absolute condition that they should not make arrangements with any country, however friendly, which in any way cut across the mutual interest of the British Commonwealth.

Empire First

"For us, Empire ties must always come first," he said. Mr. Eden added that the United Nations Charter is not a perfect document, as no human achievement ever is. But it did represent the greatest measure of common agreement available at the time of its creation.

At least it did set rules of international conduct which, he said, they have observed in the spirit and letter. "We would have made their contribution to the establishment of international law."

"Until the world is prepared to accept the rule of international law and abide by it, there can be no enduring peace," he declared.—Reuter.

India To Make Penicillin

London, February 18.

India will soon have a Swedish chemical factory producing penicillin, according to an announcement today, Stockholm Radio reported.

The report said a penicillin expert from Stockholm's Technical University has just returned from Bombay, where he conferred with the Indian authorities.

The Indian Government, he said, is interested in getting the project under way as soon as possible. No Swedish money will be invested in the factory, but Sweden will contribute their technical "know-how" and scientific knowledge to it.—Reuter.

INDONESIAN CLAIM TO MILITARY SUCCESSSES

New York, February 18.

The Dutch troops in Indonesia are completely on the defensive as a result of action by the Republican Army and guerrilla tactics by the civilian population.

Dr. L. N. Palar, chief Indonesian Republic delegate to the Security Council, said so today.

He compared the Dutch military position to a series of pockets inside Republican-held territory.

Dr. Palar, who was speaking at a press conference, claimed that his survey of the military position in Indonesia is the first true picture to be given since Dutch "police action" began in December.

"Our tactics in the first stage of resistance have been successful," he said. "We permitted the larger cities to fall to the enemy. Our army and military supplies were kept intact and we infiltrated behind the Dutch lines and set up areas of resistance. These tactics have not only been successful in their original purpose of harassing the Dutch, but they have now resulted in placing the Dutch completely on the defensive."

Dutch censorship in Indonesia had kept this information from the United Nations Good Offices Commission and the Security Council while the latter body was considering its latest Indonesian resolution, Dr. Palar added.

"True Story"

"The Dutch were intent on putting over the fiction that they were the dominant military power in Indonesia," Dr. Palar continued. "The information received yesterday from the Emergency Government

in Sumatra reported that the military situation far surpasses earlier Republican calculations, he added.

The report reaffirmed an earlier claim of a military victory by the Dutch Army on Sumatra, resulting in the execution of 213 Dutch soldiers and necessitating the intervention of General Spoor, the Dutch Commander-in-Chief.

The Sumatra report said Republican troops had moved into several former Dutch occupied districts. Dutch casualties are estimated at over 1,500. Indonesian military governors have been appointed and have already assumed their posts, the report claimed. A policy of non-cooperation with the Dutch is being faithfully carried out by the civilian population.—Reuter.

Getting Up Nights Stopped in 24 Hours

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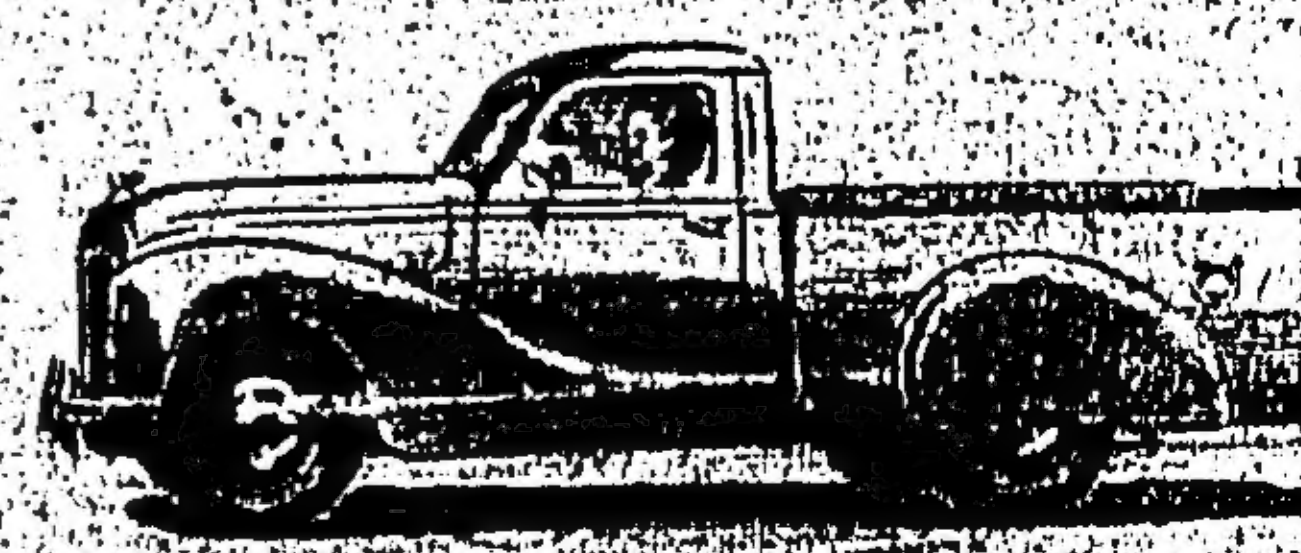
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My roots are in England. The nursing home in Hampstead where I was born is now a hole in the ground.

For 10 years in America I had longed to see the house in Highgate which was my home until I was seven.

On the train from Southampton I saw the English countryside with its green fields and running streams, and I thought of California with its hills brown and dry; you were lucky to find a dilly spring there. But I love those hills.

I could grab my gun, fitted with a scope, sight which cost almost as much as the rifle, my bedroll, a few cans of pork and beans, step out of my back door, and wander out into the sage and scrub oak for days, shooting at whatever came along.

Maybe it would be a deer, a coyote, a rabbit, or a polecat. I could sort of make myself against the wild, get away from bricks and mortar. They tell me I'd have to be a rich man's son to do that sort of thing here.

No Starvation

Out there in the hills there were plenty of rattlesnakes—poisonous, of course, and they don't always rattle when they intend to strike; but you can fry them and they are very good to eat.

I thought that I'd come back to London to find people starving, lying in the gutters, or looking very, very thin on the hoof.

It isn't as bad as that, but I got a shock when I had a medium-sized steak and my father told me I had eaten up my week's meat ration.

I'm used to drinking at least a quart of milk a day, and now I'm lucky if I get a glass.

But I got a great kick out of London. Whenever I have a spare half-hour I find myself walking up Ludgate-hill and going into St. Paul's. It has beauty and

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By IAN COSTER, Jr., who left England when he was eight years old and is now back at 18.

splendour. The Nelson monument in Trafalgar-square hits me too.

Then there's Piccadilly-circus, which, I am told, was the centre of the world. It looks cheap to me, with its gaudy advertising and a clash of architecture. In fact, it seems an undernourished Times-square. But I'll take most of London, its buildings, churches, tradition.

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seem only too pleased to tell you where you are and where to get off.

I thought that Londoners didn't like jazz or didn't understand it. I changed my mind after visiting the London Jazz Club.

The place was jammed with people, most of them just listening.

But the dancing—well, to me it looked like some rough stuff straight out of the jungle. The boys and girls were just hopping and leaping around.

They were having fun, too, when I went to Richmond to see my first Rugby match. I play American football; I play centre for my high school in California.

With me American football is tops, but I can see that Rugby is a darn good game.

English Accent

I was astonished when I went to the play "The Heiress" with Sir Ralph Richardson and Peggy Ashcroft, and heard that, although the piece was set in New York, they all spoke with English accents.

I've been looking hard at English girls, and it seems to me that the standard of looks is high. Many of them have pretty faces, though I don't think that their legs are as snappy as those of American girls.

But all these are first impressions of the Old Country. At the moment I must admit I'm prejudiced in favour of California.

I have a year to look around and make up my mind which nationality I should choose. I want to keep my eyes and my mind open.

MEN SPRING DOLLAR TRAP

New York, Monday. "T-Men," as they are called here—otherwise agents, or snoopers, from British Treasury—have quietly plugged up another sterling-dollar leak.

This time it's in the Bahamas, that chain of 700 islands and more than 2,000 "cays" that stretches down off the Florida coast into the Caribbean.

Last year Britons were spending money in Nassau, the Crown Colony's capital, like "drunken sailors" (to use a phrase from the editor of the local newspaper).

It was being spent, admittedly, in the official—local—currency, Bahamian pounds, to buy up property, parts of islands, or whole cays. Some of several thousand pounds were being paid for lots on the island of New Providence, a lot being approximately a quarter of an acre.

It was also being spent on roulette and in the baccarat rooms in the casino at the Bahamian Club.

And it was being spent in buying American dollars on the Black Market at anything from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for £1, the official rate being \$4.00.

Tales began trickling, then cascading, back here of the "poor" British from "starving" Britain (then about to receive first shipments under the Marshall Plan), some of whom were waging up to £2,000 on the turn of a card.

Another contributory reason is that most of the best residential and business properties have already been snapped up. The prices paid were so high that land values and rents have soared far beyond the ability of even booming Nassau.

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American visitors, who are encouraged to take in their dollars but are forbidden to bring out any they may have left when their stay is over, were amazed and openly resentful.

One popular currency dodge was to buy a house or a piece of land with the pounds Britons were legally allowed to have transferred from their banks in England, then sell it to Americans for dollars, as often as not at a cut rate.

With Miami only an hour's flying time away from Nassau, and some of the old rum-runner islands only a few miles off—more than 45 miles, there was a constant flow of surprisingly rich Englishmen skipping over and back to the U.S.

It's a different picture now. As a result of unobtrusive visits from the Treasury men, along with their colleagues from Scotland Yard, islanders say there's been a big clean-up. There are fewer able, extravagant ones, and none of the objectionable "money-to-burn" behaviour.

Values Soar

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One exception to all this is Billy Bullin, whose sterling investments have caused no official concern. He's building a mammoth holiday village on Grand Bahama Island, 50 miles from the Florida coast, at the slightly improbable and inappropriate place called West End.

The project will cost £1,000,000, with another £1,000,000 earmarked—and it seems agreed to by the Treasury, to complete further extensions if it succeeds.

Away-From-It-All Emigrants Are Streaming Home

By One Of Them—Teacher BETTY BRIGHT

After eight months of a life far more nerve-racking than the six years of war in England, I came back from New Zealand with nothing but bitter experience to show for the expenditure of more than £400. I had intended to settle there for life.

A man with his wife and child spent £1,500 in a similar unsuccessful attempt.

Obviously the shipping companies are profiting from the returning migrants.

On September 23, 1947, the Rangitiki arrived here from New Zealand with nearly 200 returning migrants among its 800 passengers.

About two months ago 10 of the 120 sailors who left from Australia and New Zealand were returning migrants.

In Three Years

During the three years ended March 31, 1948, 21,104 unskilled immigrants arrived in New Zealand intending to settle, but 16,468 people departed permanently.

Of the 12,400 people who arrived from the United Kingdom 4,950 have returned home.

New Zealand is a beautiful country where there is more food and sunshine than in England. There is also far more unhappiness.

I believe this is due to the selfishness of most New Zealanders, who seem to me to have very little sense of social or moral responsibility to the community. English people in New Zealand are shocked by the frequency with which they meet unkindness, dishonesty, corruption, and drunkenness.

Thousands of New Zealanders live under canvas in motor camps because they cannot afford, or cannot obtain, better.

Lucifer cigarettes are in transit camps. A friend of mine lived in one with her husband and child. For 14s. a week she had a two-roomed hut, equipped with a wood-burning range, a sink with one tap, and one power-bolt.

There were communal laundry and bathing facilities.

Kitchens Poor

Kitchen and washhouse equipment and the sanitation in New Zealand houses frequently surprise English people because they are so primitive.

I stayed in 11 private houses and saw only one gas cooker and only one plate-rack. Both had been specially made to order for English people.

I saw no electric coppers and only one heated by gas—all the others being heated by burning wood. However, the built-in cupboards for food and clothes were an improvement on those in most English houses.

Children are frequently round-shouldered because of the inadequacy of the physical training in

schools. Teaching methods in this and other subjects are many years behind the times.

Text-books and equipment, where these exist, are never available in anything like the quantity or quality to which we are accustomed.

There is less freedom of speech in New Zealand. Teachers are not allowed as much liberty to express opinions on political and religious matters as they are in England. The proportion of mental patients to the total population is higher in New Zealand than in England and several other countries.

Numbers for every 10,000 of population were for New Zealand 49 in 1931, and 44 in 1944. In 1946 England and Wales had 38; Scotland 30. In 1944 the U.S. had 38. In 1946 Canada had 30 and Victoria (Australia) had 29.

Divorce is three times as frequent in New Zealand as it is in England. Divorces for every 10,000 of population in 1942 were six in New Zealand, two in England, two in Canada, and 24 in the U.S.

I believe now that I was too sensitive to settle in any Dominion, though two of my family have settled successfully in the Colonies. I was prepared to adapt myself to differences in material conditions but not to those affecting human and moral standards.

Of those who remain in New Zealand, some do so only because they are not as fortunate as I was in being able to borrow the fare home. But at least I have learned that England is a good place.

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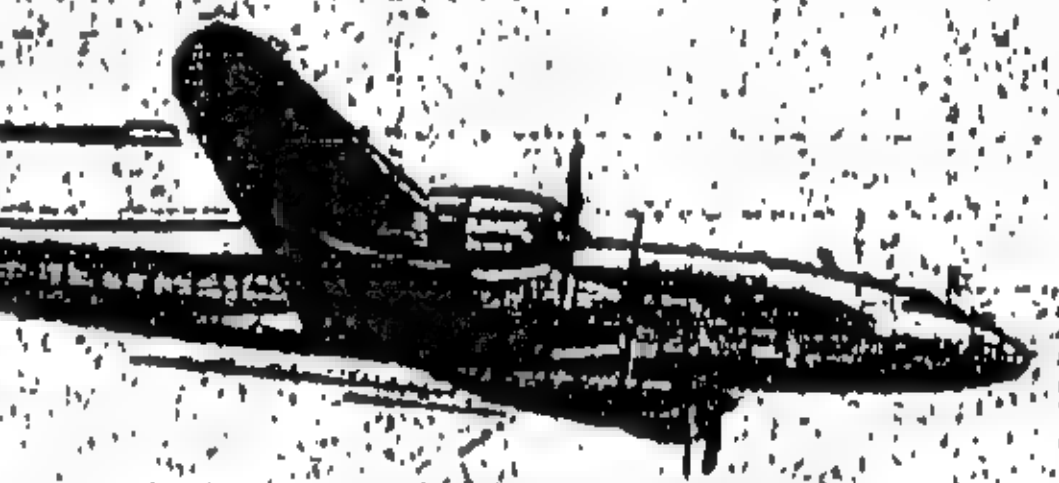
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FEAR OF JAPAN

To the accompaniment of 10-year-old echoes, British wool manufacturers and exporters are becoming perturbed at what they call unfair Japanese competition. Mr. D. Price, their representative, is flying to Tokyo to consult with SCAP regarding the cut-throat methods of the little yellow men.

It is pointed out that in the great markets of India, South Africa—and Hong Kong, lack of confidence is being shown in British textiles, in view of Japanese products eight to 10 shillings a yard cheaper. Nipponese buying of medium and faulty grades of Australian wool, it is further emphasised, has boosted prices and weakened Britain's competitive position.

This is all very understandable, and the same can be said for cotton, silk and shipbuilding. On the other hand, from a purely objective viewpoint, one cannot help being wryly amused when exponents of free enterprise (competition is the lifeblood of trade) become piously indignant at competition which undercuts their own goods.

It would almost appear that Western factory owners had instituted trade unions in their own countries, and voluntarily raised wage levels to such an extent that their upright but costly products should be acceptable everywhere, rather than the results of sweated labour. It raised a furore in London 15 years ago when a Cheapside shop advertised that a man could be outfitted with hat, overcoat, suit, shirt, socks and shoes—all for £1 sterling, the remarkable shoddy garments having been made in Japan. And Birmingham protested strongly when Indians and Africans began buying bicycles for 17/6d. when they could have bought the British article for £4.

This, however, is a pure quibble in 1949, when Japan is in the role of defeated nation, under American control. Those peoples who were bled white in a war that was none of their making have a strong moral right to protest against competition which this time is unfair. The combination of American dollars and the exploitation of labour at a few cents a day can result in a flood of cheap goods which could overwhelm the slowly-reviving economies of the so-called victors. Nor is it enough for the probably harassed occupation authorities, with the Treasury in Washington on their tails, to plead the need for Japan's rehabilitation and eventual independence of foreign aid.

The Yellow Peril has for years been a very real one, and it would be ironic indeed if the victims of Pearl Harbour were to be instrumental in unleashing it once more on a disoriented world. Criticism of the MacArthur administration has materially increased in recent weeks, and the American public is slowly becoming disillusioned with the demigod, wondering if the spectacular qualities which made him successful in war, are quite those required for the more routine problems of peace. Suspicions that the "vested" interests of the vast Japanese combines which prepared for war have basically been left untouched, and that the pre-war ruling class of militarists, are as firmly entrenched as ever, are being voiced by one observer after another. Those who said that if the Mikado were left on the throne, as the war broke always predicted, then Japan had suffered only a temporary setback, are now being proved wrong.

Take, the first—Mr. Stalin's willingness to "consider" a joint declaration that the Government of Russia and the United States had no intention of resorting to war against each other. Mr. Acheson reminded his hearers (1) that both Governments were already pledged in that sense by the United Nations charter, and (2) that recently Mr. Truman had reaffirmed the pledge in his inaugural speech. "He did not," observed Mr. Acheson, "say he was 'considering' making that statement; he made it."

Where, does Mr. Stalin stand when he offers to "consider" pledging himself to something to which he is pledged already? Does his ignoring the old pledge signify any value for a new one? Or, take the second subject—disarmament. What are the facts? That the United States has disarmed, and Russia has not. That the United States offered to transfer the atomic bomb to international control, and Russia refused. That Russia has halted every other disarmament proposal, by refusing to admit international inspection, without which no present-day conditions, a disarmament pact is worthless. What would be the use of adding one more disarmament, unless Russia gave at least some indication that she would, once again, be a peace-loving nation, and not a power-hungry one?

Questions The Tories Have To Answer

By The Rt. Hon. HAROLD MACMILLAN, M.P.

What is this year likely to bring us at home? Thanks to Marshall Aid, we are at least spared much privation, which would otherwise have come upon us after the exhaustion of the American and Canadian loans.

It is, perhaps, not worth arguing now whether or not those loans (or gifts, as they have proved to be) were wisely spent. They amounted to £1,250 millions. Anyway, they have gone.

The American aid will see us through 1949; and, if Congress takes a favourable view of our efforts, it may be voted again, in either the same, or substantially the same, amounts for several more years to come.

This, therefore, taking the short view, we shall not be worse off than in 1948. We shall not be the same rations—or thereabouts—and probably sufficient raw materials to keep our factories going.

SOCIALISTS' MEDICINE

But we cannot live on American aid for ever. We have to lay the foundations now for economic independence in the future.

The chief contribution to industrial reconstruction made by the Government so far has been the "socialising" of certain major industries. The chief proposal for the future is to socialise the coal and iron industries.

He will not judge by theory, but by practice. He will not be impressed by arguments, but by results.

This year will either be the year of the General Election or the decisive year before it. The Conservative Party at any rate cannot rest content with the drab and dispiriting outlook. It must ask—and answer—certain vital and fundamental questions. Can we do any more? Can we lay the foundations of real prosperity?

SPIRITUAL RECOVERY

Can we begin to construct an industrial and commercial system which will make possible that all-out effort which we know we ought to be making to save our-

selves and to save democracy in the world?

Can we make the spiritual without which we shall never achieve the material? It is becoming ever more obvious that there is no longer any hope for Britain, or for Europe, save in a moral and spiritual revival, by which alone the onset of Communism can be resisted.

That revival must not be just a Sunday affair. It must be a week-day faith. It means, at home, a return to personal pride in good work well done—which implies both a material and a moral incentive with all classes, workmen, salesmen, managers, investors.

It means the end of class war, of malice and spite and uncharitableness.

It means a little less emphasis on privilege and a little more on responsibility.

It means a new, self-imposed, democratic discipline.

Nobody is more conscious of the need for discipline than the trade union leader. Disloyalty to freely negotiated agreements threatens the whole trade union structure.

It means turning away from Socialism, Collectivism and Communism—not to unlicensed individualism, but to a social system where each man's rights and duties are balanced order is combined with freedom.

All Europe faces the Communist menace. This year may be a year of vital importance in the great struggle.

During recent months—rather tentatively—we have at last taken some steps towards promoting that European unity which Churchill proclaimed as a practical necessity, as well as an ideal, in the famous Zurich speech.

We are feeling our way towards some joint strategic plans for security, and towards some economic plans for stability and an expanding economy.

MUST NOT LAG

We must press forward, in spite of all the difficulties, with a real sense of urgency. The British Commonwealth and Empire, and United Europe must work in close harmony with each other and with the United States.

Britain must not lag behind. She must take the lead.

In this year we may see the real test. Shall we be able to maintain our position in Berlin, or shall we be forced to humiliating retreat—another Munich? Nineteen

forty-nine will answer that question.

The air-lift is not a solution—it is an improvised expedient brilliantly executed, but temporary. It cannot go on month after month, year after year.

The problem of Germany must be resolutely tackled. It cannot be solved by itself. It can only be dealt with as part of the European problem as a whole.

Delay is already proving dangerous. The German people, for the first time, are torn between a desire to co-operate and an impulse to resist.

Two years ago—even a year ago—the dismantling policy could have been carried through. Now, it is doubtful whether it can be imposed without encountering fierce indignation and perhaps actual resistance, passive or active.

Never was there such a story of vacillation and procrastination.

ECONOMIC PLAN

At the same time, the occupation authorities are pressing Germany to raise her exports by every possible means to save dollars. In this, General Clay is the counterpart to Sir Stafford Cripps. Indeed, since Russian occupation has deprived Germany of her Eastern territories, which before the war supplied her with food and raw materials, Germany will have to increase her efforts to an enormous figure if she is ever to be solvent. But these exports must be competitive with British and other Western European exports in the same markets.

Before 1949 is out, this may become a serious problem to British industrialists and trade unionists. The economic plan for Europe contemplates a European deficiency of £750,000,000 at the end of 1952. If the German problem, with its reactions on the rest of Europe, is not tackled now, there may be a general collapse which we must ourselves be involved.

Economic recovery in Europe, like military security, is vital to our survival. But for this purpose, plans and statistical charts and economic surveys are not enough.

The conception of Western civilisation must be revitalised—that means the conception of Christian democracy, based on social progress in the widest sense, spiritual as well as material.

This can never be supplied by Socialism, which is essentially a materialist creed—despite the fact that its adherents, in the name of the barrier against, but the gateway to, Communism.

STALIN'S PEACE OFFENSIVE

Stalin has launched another peace offensive against the Western Powers. Only the day before he had thrown a bullying war-of-nerve Note at the head of Norway. The Note was delivered through the ordinary diplomatic channels, as would naturally be the case where business was intended. The peace offensive used a different medium: it went through a journalistic channel obligingly opened for it by the Hearst Press.

Anybody who studies the four questions put to Mr. Stalin and the four answers from him will have little difficulty in concluding that the questions were drafted at the Russian end quite as much as the answers.

Stalin's four original propositions, together with his subsequent broadcast offer to meet Mr. Truman in either Russian, Poland or Czechoslovakia, were subjected last Wednesday by Mr. Dean Acheson, the new American Secretary of State, to a careful analysis and commentary, since endorsed by Mr. Truman. Mr. Acheson's points were devastating.

Take, the first—Mr. Stalin's willingness to "consider" issuing a joint declaration that the Government of Russia and the United States had no intention of resorting to war against each other. Mr. Acheson reminded his hearers (1) that both Governments were already pledged in that sense by the United Nations charter, and (2) that recently Mr. Truman had reaffirmed the pledge in his inaugural speech. "He did not," observed Mr. Acheson, "say he was 'considering' making that statement; he made it."

Where, does Mr. Stalin stand when he offers to "consider" pledging himself to something to which he is pledged already? Does his ignoring the old pledge signify any value for a new one? Or, take the second subject—disarmament. What are the facts? That the United States has disarmed, and Russia has not. That the United States offered to transfer the atomic bomb to international control, and Russia refused. That Russia has halted every other disarmament proposal, by refusing to admit international inspection, without which no present-day conditions, a disarmament pact is worthless. What would be the use of adding one more disarmament, unless Russia gave at least some indication that she would, once again, be a peace-loving nation, and not a power-hungry one?

Take, the third subject. Mr. Stalin would consent to lift the

Berlin blockade provided the Western Powers agree to postpone the creation of a separate West German Government "pending a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to consider the German problem as a whole."

Has the Council of Foreign Ministers never met before? Have we never before postponed our German policies pending its meetings? Has Russia ever allowed anything to come of those meetings?

Stalin's peace offensive is a masterpiece of bluff. It is a bluff which he has been able to maintain only because he has been able to secure from us the very surrender which she would not graciously accept as the price of its discontinuance.

With such an agenda, what use would it be for Mr. Stalin and Mr. Truman to meet, even if Mr. Stalin were willing—as he is not to meet elsewhere than behind the Iron Curtain, and even if the United States were willing—as happily she is not—to ignore her Allies and engage in bilateral negotiations over what are essentially multilateral interests?

Could anybody outside the Curtain, except convinced Communists and fellow-travellers, be taken in by such transparent trickery? In point of fact, it would seem, very few have been; and, if the object of the peace offensive was to divide and weaken American opinion, it has not been attained.

Propaganda Aim

But probably that was not a large part of its object. It seems aimed rather at certain European audiences. They are, first, the Soviet Union subjects, including the 100 millions in the satellite countries added to its Empire since the war; and secondly, the 70-75 million Germans.

To join the second to the first, to convert the Germans into instruments of Russian policy, as the others have already been converted, is an immediate aim to the Kremlin's leaders. Could they realise it, they would have taken a long stride to the conquest of Europe.

In Germany the Western Powers must watch closely and counter vigorously the effect of the Soviet propaganda. It is probably this "fact" which is misleadingly being used by the Germans to make the Russian peace offensive more attractive to the German people.

The Mysterious East



Probable influence of current events in China on future policy of the Kremlin.

Sky Mail Waits While 'Hovers' Battle

By COURTENAY EDWARDS

Stunt flights by helicopters of the kind referred to in this letter are highlights in a steady programme of development work on hoverplanes in Britain.

Talk to the men who are doing this job—men like Reginald Brie, Alan Bristow, and Basil Arkell—and they will tell you they don't like these publicity flights.

They say they interfere with their programme of flight-testing and other development work.

We are still in the pioneer stage with helicopters, and almost every day Britain's rotating-wing aircraft are taken up by experienced test pilots who, in co-operation with our designers and engineers, are trying to gain a lead for Britain in this highly specialised field of aviation.

Quick Tour

Let us make a quick tour of the main centres, or helicopter development, in Britain—places where, whirling wings, are so commonplace that the local residents don't bother to look up any more.

PETERBOROUGH first. Here the helicopter unit of British European Airways, under the direction of Wing Commander R. A. Brie, is busy carrying out night flights and blind-flying tests.

They want to convince the GPO they can carry mail reliably and punctually in any weather, at all hours of the day and night.

Reggie Brie has a fleet of three four-seater Sikorsky and two two-seater Bell—both built in America. Using these hoverplanes on a daily mail run for four months last year between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth, he achieved a regularity of 95 per cent.

Over to HESTON, Middlesex. Here Squadron Leader Basil Arkell and his colleagues are testing the Fairey Gyrodyne, the

first all-British commercial helicopter, which last June set up an international speed record for rotating-wing aircraft at 124.3 m.p.h.

Two Built

And so to YEovil. Here Westlands are building Sikorsky helicopters under licence, using the British Leonides engines.

So far they have built two, which between them have flown nearly 200 hours. They have orders from the Royal Navy, from the Continent, and from Egypt.

From the end of this month they will be building Sikorsky at the rate of one a week, including passenger-carrying and crop-dusting models.

Alan Bristow, their chief test pilot, has just been awarded a silver medal by the Royal Aero Club for lowering food to the marooned keepers of the Wolf Rock Lighthouse.

At SOUTHAMPTON the Clerva Autogiro Company are test-flying their two-seater Skeeter and the fantastic three-rotor helicopter Air Horse, biggest helicopter in the world. They are also working on a 10-12-seater, three-rotor design.

On to FILTON, Gloucestershire, where the Bristol Aeroplane Co.'s four-seater helicopters are piling up an impressive total of hours. Their Leonides-engined model is about to fly.

Mr. Roul Hahner—the Bristol Co.'s helicopter chief—is also working on a twin-rotor 12-seater, which will be able to fly on either of its two Leonides engines.

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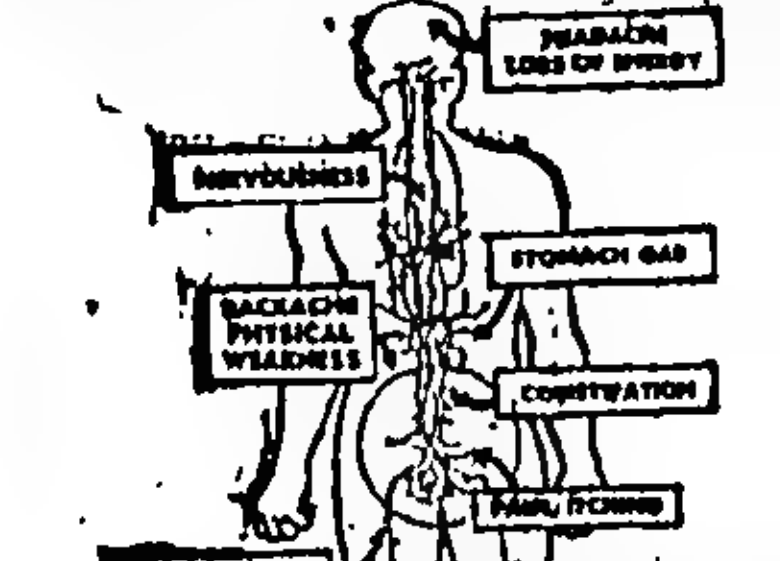
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AMERICAN FEELER ON DEFENCE PACT

Washington, February 18.

Dr. Philip Jessup, now United States Ambassador-at-Large for international negotiations, tonight raised the question whether the proposed North Atlantic Security Pact should be subordinated to the authority of the United Nations Security Council.

Washing diplomatic circles, generally, accept that if this is done, the Pact can not operate as intended—to check aggression—because the Soviet Union will veto any action proposed.

In a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Jessup touched briefly but significantly on a question which has, hitherto, only been debated at diplomatic level.

It has not been discussed in the press, although those connected with the negotiation of the Pact regard it as of vital importance.

Dr. Jessup's speech marked the first time that any official spokesman has raised the possibility of the activities of signatories of the North Atlantic Pact being subject to the provision of Chapter 8, and thus becoming subordinated to the Security Council.

He did this in very guarded language, but surprisingly left open the question of whether or not the activities—not the Pact

LEOPOLD ELECTION ISSUE

Brussels, February 18.

Belgians will go to the polls, probably on July 24, to elect a new Government.

Women will also vote for the first time. A law giving them the vote at general elections was passed by Parliament last year and becomes effective on July 21.

A general election is not due in Belgium until February, 1950, but both parties to the present Socialist-Catholic Coalition are agreed on an earlier date.

The Opposition parties—Liberal and Communist—have also expressed their agreement. The question was discussed at a recent meeting of the Cabinet, and it was decided to hold the elections in July.

Parliament will be dissolved six weeks earlier.

The almost four-year old "royal question" is bound to be a major election issue. The two parties forming the present Coalition are divided. For the Socialists, the only solution is the abdication of provisionally-exiled King Leopold, but the Catholics

insist on his return.—Reuter.

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"Snow White" Wrong Fare For Children

Prague, February 18.

The newspaper "Mlada Fronta" today advised parents to stop telling children about Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and instead tell them what is wrong with capitalism.

The paper said: "The children of today are often more politically mature than we assume. Only a few of them are interested in fairy tales. Instead they are interested in tanks, planes and carbines."

"We will have to criticize the social order in the capitalist countries. To put the children into their proper place in the five-year plan is our main task. We must show them the advantages of a collective system and prove it with examples."—United Press.

LABOUR CHEERED BY BATLEY VOTE

London, February 18.

The Labour Party's majority of 7,686 in the Batley and Morley bye-election has given satisfaction to the Government, at present defending four Parliamentary seats in a miniature general election.

Batley was the first bye-election since the report of the Lynskey Tribunal, which investigated allegations of corruption in Government quarters, and was the immediate test as to whether the wide publicity given to the proceedings had reacted unfavourably upon the Government's prestige.

This was the 47th bye-election since Labour swept into power in 1945, and the 36th seat successfully defended by the Government.

The Government maintains its record of not having lost a single seat gained or held in the general election.

The result is expected to stimulate Labour efforts to retain South Hammersmith, London, where, next Tuesday, the Government faces its greatest challenge in a straight fight with the Conservatives.

It won the seat by only 3,456 votes in 1945.

Labour's poll at Batley increased by 2,000 votes to 24,514. The Conservative figure rose by over 5,000 votes. In the 1945 general election, there was also a Liberal candidate who received over 5,000 votes.

Labour will soon defend Sowerby, Yorkshire, where a vacancy has been caused by the resignation of Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, from his office.

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Opposition Develops To Atlantic Defence

Washington, February 18.

Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, today discussed the proposed North Atlantic Pact for three hours with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee but no agreement was reached.

The Chairman of the Committee, Senator Tom Connally (Democrat) told reporters: "You cannot even say any tentative agreement was reached."

Senator Connally said the Committee and Mr. Acheson went over the terms of the proposed security agreement in its present form.

"Several suggestions were made on a phrase here and a word there, but it will be some little time yet before it is ready to be made public," he stated.

The Committee was meeting in secret session but Mr. Acheson is believed to have presented them with a tentative draft of the pact. The terms have been discussed for more than six months by the North Atlantic powers in Washington on the basis of a memorandum prepared by the Permanent Commission of the signatories of the Western Union security alliance.

The pact would have to be ratified as a treaty by a two-thirds vote of the United States Senate.

The material which the Secretary of State took to the Senate Committee today is not a final version of the treaty. He is expected to take back to the Ambassadors' Committee of the North Atlantic powers in Washington suggestions made by the Senate today for amendments to the pact.

Senate Opposition

It is possible that more than one meeting with the Senate Committee may be necessary. The pact negotiations were originally due to have been completed by February 6.

It is now hoped that it will be ready for signature by the Foreign Ministers of the participating powers next month. If opposition develops in the Senate Committee to the terms outlined by Mr. Acheson today, these may require more prolonged negotiations. It would not then be possible to keep to this schedule.

On the basis of comment by Senators on the pact so far, the main line of opposition may be:

1.—That the pact may involve the United States Government in a moral or legal obligation to go to war under certain prescribed circumstances, despite the provision of the United States Constitution that only Congress can declare war.

2.—That it is inconsistent with the principles or machinery of the United Nations Charter and undermine the authority of the United Nations Security Council.

3.—That it will hamper the European Recovery Programme by necessitating turning the direction of European economy from recovery to rearmament.

4.—That it is unnecessary because arms can be supplied to freedom-loving nations to resist aggression without a treaty under the Truman Doctrine.

5.—That it may provoke Russian reprisals against the European signatories and thus precipitate an international crisis.

6.—That the United States should avoid entangling alliances with European nations.—Reuter.

British Radio For Rangoon

London, February 18.

Modern radio equipment, valued at £40,000, will leave Britain tomorrow to convert 15 airstrips in Burma into fully operational airfields.

The Union of Burma Airways, the newly-constituted civil aviation authority in Burma, placed the order, and four British radio firms worked at top pressure to give speedy delivery.

It includes all the latest designs in navigational aid and air-ground communication, and is presented as a self-contained unit which is more or less akin to a complete airfield control tower.—Reuter.

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RUSSIAN W. H. O. WALK-OUT

Lake Success, February 18.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, today expressed the conviction that Russia's withdrawal from the World Health Organisation does not portend a Soviet walk-out from the United Nations.

Mr. Lie told a news conference: "I don't think it has any consequences for their membership."

He still hopes to prevail on Russia, the Soviet Ukraine and Byelorussia to reconsider their decision. He said he has no reason to believe that other Eastern European nations are planning to follow Russia's lead.

Mr. Lie threw cold water on the idea of holding the regular 1949 General Assembly meeting in Latin America, saying it will be technically impossible.

The Assembly convenes here on April 5 for the second half of last year's uncompleted session.—United Press.

Russian Meddling In Austria

Vienna, February 19.

A spokesman for the Austrian People's Party today alleged that Russia, by terror and force, is influencing the outcome of the coming Austrian national elections.

The spokesman said that Soviet soldiers two days ago arrested the drivers of a party truck and confiscated its load of 250,000 campaign cards being taken to the United States zone from Vienna.

The drivers were questioned for 24 hours at the Soviet Headquarters and were then released. But the truck did not return despite an official government protest.

The campaign cards were to have been sold to raise the Party funds for the elections in six months.

The spokesman said: "We attach great significance to the incident because it shows plainly that the Soviets plan to interfere with the Austrian national election and intimidate voters by exerting pressure."—United Press.



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Three Nations Half-Way To The No-Frontier Ideal

The Hague, Wednesday. The first systematic attempt to rub out Europe's frontiers and trade barriers is about to take a new step forward. The economic Ministers and experts of Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg are meeting here to sponsor the next stage of the Benelux economic union.

And their talks will show what chances there are of attaining the ultimate goal—the practical abolition of frontiers between the three countries by January 1950.

Two stages out of five have already been achieved. The three countries have introduced common tariffs for all foreign goods. Belgium has abolished all tariffs on each other's goods. But this in no way means that

Belgium tends to blame Holland. She can hardly understand how the Dutch have lagged so far behind. It must be the system, think the Belgians.

The Dutch have wallowed too much in austerity, rationing, and control. The shortage of goods, the argument goes on, has resulted in a surplus of money, so that Holland has been tempted into vast reconstruction schemes beyond her means.

Dutch Credits

In fact, any Belgians, getting a little indignant, Holland has been reconstructing herself at a tremendous cost. Belgium is nearly paying for her imports. Holland has just about the worst

By Alexander Clifford

you can take what you like from Holland to Belgium.

The white-gloved Customs officials are just as inquisitive about your luggage there as at any other frontier. You fill in just as many forms. You answer just as many questions about your intentions and your currency holdings.

Three important stages remain before the frontiers virtually disappear and get back to what they were 100 years ago—when you could take as much money as you liked across and usually didn't need a passport.

The first is the unification of Excise duties—internal duties imposed for taxation purposes. The second is the abolition of all import licenses and quotas. The third is the abolition of all currency restrictions.

Two Stages

The Beneluxians hope to decide on the unification of Excises almost straight away. The most optimistic still hope that the final two stages will be reached by the beginning of 1950. But there are many who are less optimistic.

For the doubts and difficulties are severe. Here are probably the best conditions in Europe for such a Customs union. The psychological atmosphere is good; there is little distrust and dislike as possible; the mutual advantages are enormous.

But it isn't proving easy. The biggest surface difficulty is the discrepancy in financial status between Holland and Belgium. For Belgium is riding a wave of prosperity. Holland is definitely in straitened circumstances.

Attempted Suicide By Bogus Judge

Berlin, February 18. Josef Franke, a bogus judge in prison for passing 7,000 sentences without legal qualifications and acquitting gang-bird friends, is recovering from an overdose of veronal taken in his cell.

Berlin police said he dosed himself on Wednesday after further charges, including embezzlement and bigamy, had been instituted against him. At his earlier trial, Franke, a former judge with 14 convictions, was said to have been on two country circuits and to have spent 15 months as a Lower Court judge in Berlin on the strength of forged legal documents.

He has passed no legal examinations whatever. During this time he passed 7,000 sentences and was found to have let off a former fellow convict at the price of 15,000 Reichsmarks (about £1-12s).—Reuter.

Forward Look

But the Benelux countries have put their hands to the plough and will not look back. Already rationing is nearly half-way through the plan.

There is plenty of good will and determination. Perhaps they won't succeed quite by January 1, 1950.

But, for their own sakes and for the sakes of the world, they intend to succeed.

DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH -- TITO IS NO DEMOCRAT

Marshal Tito's eight-month-old quarrel with the Cominform appears to be getting worse, and what started as a crack in the Soviet bloc of nations now looks remarkably like a definite split.

From the very beginning, the Cominform have denounced Tito and his associates in terms as violent as they usually reserve for the "imperialist powers" of the West. But Tito's Government has been careful to keep very close to the Soviet line in international affairs while resisting any attempts by orthodox Stalinists to take over the key posts in Yugoslavia.

These developments have encouraged some observers in the West to think that Yugoslavia may be induced to continue its political evolution towards a regime more acceptable to Western democratic ideas.

Certainly any diplomatic or economic initiatives which may lower the menacing tension throughout the world would be assured of sympathetic interest in Britain, France and America.

But is there any real ground for hoping that 1949 will see any far-reaching changes in the relationship with Tito's Yugoslavia? Accidental and temporary situations may induce over-optimistic hopes which will lead to disappointments even more bitter than those we have experienced since 1945.

During the war the people of Britain and America were encouraged to hope that the alliance in common suffering and victory with Russia would dissipate the "imperialist" the Soviet dictatorship and might guarantee a century of peace in the world.

No Foundation for Peace

But we discovered that there is not—and can never be—any solid foundation for alliance in peace or war unless the nations are agreed on certain fundamentals of political philosophy.

Britain and America agreed on the Four Freedoms for which they were willing to sacrifice their accumulated wealth and risk national annihilation rather than surrender or make a compromise peace.

More recently, in December, 1948, the Western Powers were substantially agreed in framing a similar charter of fundamental liberties in the United Nations Organisation—the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Some of the articles of the Declaration say that no citizen of a free country should be subject to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home, or correspondence; that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property; that no citizen shall be compelled to belong to an association or Party; that everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

These principles of liberty and tolerance are so fundamental to the history of political thought in this country that, by 1939, we should not be insouciantly forgetting that they were originally won and preserved through centuries of struggles—and that, as soon as they are denied anywhere, no real international understanding is possible. Abraham Lincoln discovered that truth for his people when he said that he was certain that America could not exist half-slave and half-free.

Does the Tito regime fulfill the demands of the UNO Declaration?

Dictatorial Power

It came into dictatorial power when it executed Mihailovich, who had been fighting the German invaders of Yugoslavia when Tito himself was in Moscow, sup-

porting the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact.

It moved a stage further when it imprisoned Archbishop Stepinac two years ago because he represented a tradition which did not admit the dictatorship of Communism—the Roman Catholic Church. It has persecuted the leaders of the Orthodox Church who remained in touch with their American co-religionists.

Hungary is still developing in complete submission to the dictates of the Cominform and Hungary has just imprisoned Cardinal Mindszenty.

That parallel between the regimes of Hungary and Yugoslavia reveals significantly that Tito's Communism is as ruthlessly orthodox as any other. At a time when the Western world is protesting against the imprisonment

of Cardinal Mindszenty, it is well to remember that Archbishop Stepinac is still in prison.

Certainly Tito has quarrelled with the Cominform. The first cause of that dispute was his refusal to allow the Russians to maintain their secret police organisation within Yugoslavia. But that is a quarrel between rival bosses. Tito maintains himself in power by his grip on his own secret police.

Communist Principles

In fact, throughout the struggle, Tito has acted exactly according to the Communist principles which he learned in the 1920s in Moscow.

He has merely found himself in a position to dispense with the protection or surveillance — of the Red Army. He is the local

(Moscow) boy who has made good. But there is no room in Eastern Europe for any success story except the story of Stalin.

It may be that Tito has ambitions to establish himself as a rival Communist Emperor, with a hegemony over Albania, Greece and Bulgaria. In that strong strategic position he would be excellently placed to be the eventual successor of Stalin.

But that does not give the Western nations any grounds for hope that the regime in Yugoslavia is evolving to a more liberal way of life.

Whatever our relations with Tito in the immediate future, we will decide only ourselves if we imagine that Tito's family quarrel with Stalin is one which will benefit outsiders. Tito is still a Communist and his regime is still based and maintained on ruthless oppression.

General's Warning On Red Menace

Washington, February 18.

Lieutenant-General Robert Eichelberger, former commander of the Eighth Army, said today that if the Communists manage to dominate Japan, Russian-led Japanese troops may sweep South to the gates of Australia within 10 years.

Colour Bar In Housing

Washington, February 18.

Senators studying housing legislation have been asked to ban racial or religious discrimination by landlords.

Mr. Elmer Henderson, Director of the American Council on Human Rights, told a Senate Banking Sub-Committee that Negroes suffer more, proportionately than any other group in the country from bad housing.

He urged that housing built under the proposed Administration measure be made available to all citizens on the basis of need, without regard to race or religion.

The Administration's bill would provide Federal loans and grants for slum clearance and the building of 1,050,000 homes in seven years.—Reuter.

PADRE APPEALS TO KING

London, February 18.

The Reverend Michael Scott, "Ambassador" to Britain of the Herero tribes of South West Africa, has asked the King to intervene in the future of the territory as a matter of importance for the British Commonwealth.

In a letter to the King he describes the South West Africa Bli now before the South African Parliament as a measure of bad faith towards a sacred trust.—Reuter.

The retired general added: "There is no question in my mind but that the Philippines, Canada and the United States have the same stake in the Pacific strategic area."

"The Japanese are the 'know how' boys of the Far East. They produced some of the world's greatest battleships, fine planes, beautiful liners and other excellent war material which were directly responsible for the fact that they knocked out Australia's front door in 1942."

"Should the Reds gain Japan this well could be repeated in a few years, because the Soviet could link Manchuria's soybeans, iron and coal to Japan's industrial potential and know now."

"There is no use whistling in the dark. The facts are a plain that any schoolboy should be able to see them."

General Eichelberger said the United States is doing its best to create a friendly Japan and no small part of this effort has been contributed by the fine representatives in Japan of New Zealand and Australia. He hopes that the United States attitude of fairness, justice and charity towards the Japanese will result in Japanese help if war should come.

He added: "I think the dictators of today may be wondering whether the Japanese might choose in the last analysis to come into the arena on the side of the United States who so recently defeated them. I hope that may be one of the factors which, when the world's dictators are weighing the possibilities of war or peace, may influence them for good."—United Press.

Money Market

Gold was steady yesterday and fluctuated within very narrow limits. It opened at HK\$200 a tael, dropped to \$308.87½, and closed at \$308.50.

US dollars were lower at HK\$5.13.

Gold Yuan was quoted at .235 of a cent for Hong Kong delivery. 22 of a cent for Canton remittances, and 25 of a cent for Shanghai remittances.

Piastres opened at HK\$8.55 a 100 and closed at five cents higher.

Tenils were unchanged at HK\$24.60 a 100.

NEI Guilders were quoted at HK\$31.30, a 100.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$15.30, and so were Australian pounds at HK\$12.57.

A Social Evening will be held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club next Saturday. Members must register by Thursday night after which the list will be closed.

Plans by the Chinese Manufacturers Union for setting up an industrial college in Hong Kong will be discussed at a meeting on Saturday.

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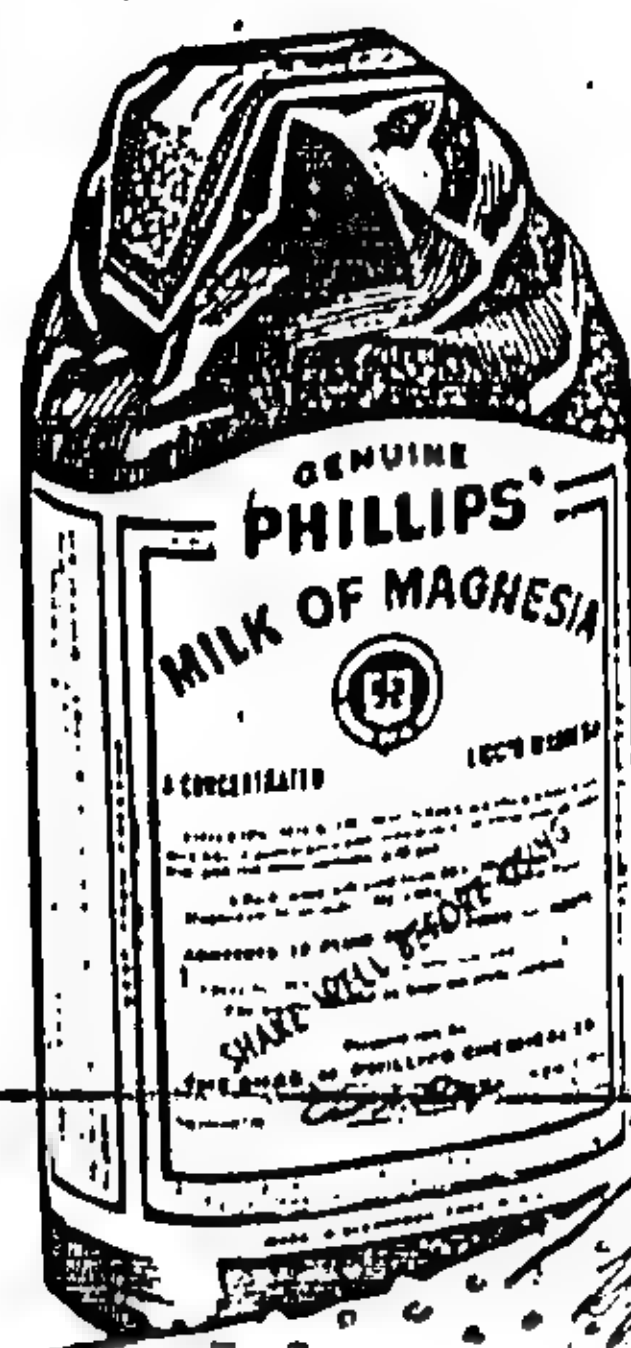
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AUSTRIAN TREATY TALKS NEAR THE TURNING POINT

London, February 18.

The four-power deputies for the Austrian treaty today decided to hear a new statement from Yugoslavia as soon as they have completed their preliminary review of the treaty. It is expected that the Yugoslav statement will be made on Thursday next week.

The deputies took their decision after receiving a letter from Dr. Ales Bebler, Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister, making a definite request for a further hearing.

The decision was made during the Yugoslav statement and that it will be open to Austria also to submit a further statement of attitude.

This will presumably be made by Dr. Karl Gruber, Austrian Foreign Minister, who flew back to Austria earlier this week but is expected to return shortly.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes:

Observers here expect the Yugoslav statement may prove a turning point in the Austrian treaty discussions.

It is expected that Dr. Bebler will announce an important modification in the Yugoslav claims on Austria, possibly renouncing earlier reparations and territorial claims on Slovene Carinthia in return for a measure of autonomy for the Austrian Slovene population.

A Compromise

The deputies today continued their routine examination of the unratified clauses of the treaty without making significant progress. They will not meet again until Monday but the drafting committee met this afternoon and will meet during the week-end.

Dr. Bebler today discussed with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the future of the Austrian treaty talks. He had conferred earlier with the United States and Soviet delegates, Mr. Samuel Rober and Mr. George Zarubin, Soviet Ambassador in London.

London diplomatic quarters believe that Dr. Bebler put forward compromise proposals on Yugoslavia's claims on territory and reparations from Austria. These, it is assumed, were the main subject of today's talks with Mr. Bevin.

The Western powers have consistently opposed Yugoslavia's demand for part of the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria, which has received full Soviet backing.—Reuter.

Moscow's Attack On Turkey

Moscow, February 18.

The Soviet newspaper "Izvestia" today criticised statements made in London and Paris by the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, advocating the extension of the proposed North Atlantic Pact to the Mediterranean.

"There is no doubt that the projected Mediterranean Pact will be of a military and aggressive nature," the newspaper said.

From M. Sadak's talks with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, it followed that Turkey lays claim to a leading role in the Mediterranean bloc, which together with the North Atlantic Pact is to form an unbroken chain in the Atlantic, Ocean and the Mediterranean, it said.

"Turkish ruling circles declare that the North Atlantic Pact includes a considerable portion of the globe and that the remaining part of it should be covered by other pacts, including a Mediterranean one, in such a way that all these pacts may be united under the aegis of the United States," "Izvestia" added.—Reuter.

Czechs Detaining U.S. Soldiers

Prague, February 18.

An official United States statement tonight said the Czechoslovak authorities have failed to respond to diplomatic approaches about two American soldiers detained in Czechoslovakia since December 10.

It gives their names as Re-cruit George A. Jones and Re-cruit Clarence R. Hill.

The Czechs, the statement added, have responded to requests that the men, posted as deserters, be returned to the United States Zone military authorities. The Czechs have also left unanswered requests for information about charges against them and have refused to allow members of the United States Embassy to visit them.

The only information the Embassy has been able to secure is that the men are accused of "grave activities."

The statement declared that the two men were missed from their units on December 1. They are believed to have walked across the Czech frontier. They were first reported detained at Pilsen, and military channels were used unsuccessfully in early attempts to have them returned.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph E. Jones, personally called on the Czech Foreign Minister, Mr. Vladimir Clementis, who was able only to say that he had asked the Security Police for information, but had not yet received it.—Reuter.



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SHOOTING INCIDENTS ON BERLIN SECTOR BOUNDARY

Berlin, February 18.

One Berliner was killed and two wounded in four incidents on the boundary between the Soviet sector of the city and the Western sectors in the past 24 hours.

All the incidents resulted from drivers' attempt to avoid stopping at police check points on the sector boundary, or to evade arrest after they had been stopped.

The man killed was shot dead by a Soviet sector policeman when he attempted to drive into the American sector instead of accompanying the officer to the police station.

The two persons wounded, a 16-year-old girl and a middle-aged man, were hit by stray shots when Soviet sector police fired at a vegetable wagon which ran the blockade without stopping.

In a third incident, Soviet sector police opened fire on a blockade-runner without causing any damage.

In the fourth incident, a Soviet sector policeman was shot and injured by a truck which he was inspecting was benten up on the French side of the boundary line.

"Murder"

The Russian-controlled police force also engaged in sporadic flat fights with passengers on underground and overhead trains.

The American-licensed newspaper, Tagesspiegel, denounced the shooting of the motor-car driver as "murder."

All the incidents grew out of the blockade within a blockade which the Russians now are imposing on the Western sectors of the city. The Soviet move is being bolstered by roadblocks built of paving stones and iron stanchions.

Charles C. Bond, American Public Safety official, said the killing of the motorist comes close to being murder.

He added: "It was at least irresponsible police work. The motorist unquestionably was drunk, but the shooting was warranted. It was a direct result of the Russian blockade for, without the blockade, we should have the free intercourse between all occupation sectors as provided by four power agreements."

Shot In Back

The motorist was shot twice in the back and his car was wrecked when he tried to escape from the Soviet-controlled police.

Two Months And Still No Jury

New York, February 18.

The trial of 11 leading American Communists—on charges of conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government has entered its second month with not a single juror yet chosen to hear the Government's case.

Nearly all the 22 days of the trial, so far, have been occupied by a defence attack on the system for choosing Federal jurors in New York.

The defence claims that the Grand Jury, which returned the indictment, was not chosen in an equitable manner.—Reuter.

Sex Maniac On Trial

Berlin, February 18.

The trial began in Potsdam today of 34-year-old Willi Kimmritz, charged with four murders with robbery, 26 sex crimes and 24 cases of larceny while serving in the forces and five cases of deception, the Soviet-licensed German news agency, ADN, reported.

Practically all the victims were Berlin women, the report added. Four experts and 24 other witnesses are to be called.—Reuter.

Saved From 'Chair' For 4th Time

Montgomery, February 18.

A 22-year-old coloured man has been saved from the electric chair for the 4th time. Governor James E. Folsom, of Alabama, last night granted a 90-day reprieve to Samuel Taylor just two hours before he was to have been executed for raping a 15-year-old white girl.

The Governor said he issued the reprieve on the advice of his counsel. He gave no other reason.

Taylor came within minutes of being electrocuted twice before. On another occasion, execution was delayed by repeated appeals.

The United States Supreme Court rejected Taylor's appeal last June and again this month when a fresh appeal was made. Taylor's lawyer contends that a confession was extorted by force and violence.—Reuter.

RAF TAKE MILLIONTH TON INTO BERLIN

Berlin, February 18.

A Royal Air Force York aircraft today delivered the millionth ton carried in the Anglo-American airlift supplying Western Berlin's 2,500,000 inhabitants.

During all-weather British and American planes, carrying food and vital supplies to beat the Soviet blockade of the Western sectors, have covered almost 70 million miles.

In over 180,000 flights, 14 planes have crashed, at cost of 28 American and 10 British lives. About 27,000 people are engaged on the airlift from pilots to lorry drivers.

Up to today, an estimated 13,000 children and invalids had been evacuated from Berlin.

The highest 24-hour total was achieved on September 18, when British and American planes carried nearly 7,000 tons.

The British-American airlift began on June 26 last year, three days after the Russians began the blockade by closing the Berlin railway at the Anglo-Soviet zonal border.—Reuter.

Still Chance To Save China?

New York, February 19.

The former chief of the State Department's Division for Far Eastern Affairs today warned that most of Asia will be endangered if the Communists control of China.

"The chance of our being involved in a shooting war will be increased," he added.

Stanley Hornbeck told the Foreign Policy Association that the United States must combat Communism simultaneously as a threat in Asia as in Europe—and China is the best place to begin.

Hornbeck contended that if the Communists control China, the natural sequel will be success for Communism in areas to the south, to the West and East of China.

"The interests, investments and commitments of the United States, particularly in China, the Philippines, Korea and Japan will be endangered and the possibility of our having any allies in Eastern Asia will be reduced to approximately zero. Europe cannot make full economic recovery without access to the resources and trade of Eastern Asia."

Mr. Hornbeck added: "The more Communist gains in Asia, the greater the likelihood of democracy's conflict with the Kremlin reaching the phase of a hot war and our investment in aid to Europe being quickly lost to us and becoming an asset to the Russians."

"We should come out from the spell we have imposed on ourselves by listening to unsupported and often repeated affirmations that the

COURT MARTIAL SENTENCE CONFIRMED

London, February 18.

The sentence of 15 months' detention passed on Richard Arthur Elliott, "The Man in the Tower," at a Colchester court martial has now been confirmed by the War Office.

Elliott, 26-year-old Etonian, was found guilty of deserting from the Royal Army Service Corps from October, 1936, until apprehended at Antwerp last October. Elliott was detained in the Tower of London awaiting trial until December 22, when he was released on a writ of habeas corpus.—Reuter.

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THE AIR LIFT ISSUES ITS OWN WHITE PAPER

By Guy Ramsey

When eight months ago—on June 18, 1948—the Western Powers introduced their new currency in Germany and Soviet Russia retorted by imposing, with war-time rigour, their blockade of Berlin, they did more than create difficulties of administration and turn Berlin, already ruined by the last stand of the Nazis, into the ground for a cold, instead of a hot, war.

Changed Living

They not only imposed upon Britain and America—and, to a certain extent, upon France as well—the need for the air-lift.

But they also altered living conditions—social, industrial, feeding—as well as political to a degree we, in Britain, simply cannot imagine.

To bring home to the outside world just what this blockade means to the Germans of Berlin, Military Government has just issued an 85-page report from whose graphs, statistics, tables, a vivid picture is discernible.

Before the war Berlin was a modern city of 4,300,000 inhabitants; today it is a battered relic with 1,100,000 people fewer. The Soviet zone accounts for 1,000,000 of those left; the Western zones for 2,200,000.

Now there come to Berlin between 3,000 and 5,000 tons of material every day; before the blockade, the figure was 12,000 tons. The blockade has transformed the city's life: fuel cuts reduce industry and transport; transport cuts prevent economic hours being worked.

The blockade reduced the average German's feeding by 500 calories a day—now, owing to extra winter

rations carried in by the air-lift, feeding is only 250 calories down on the pre-blockade figure.

The food distribution in Berlin cannot be organised on a city-wide basis: the Russians started a mere zonal arrangement, and the Western Powers, in self-defence, followed their example.

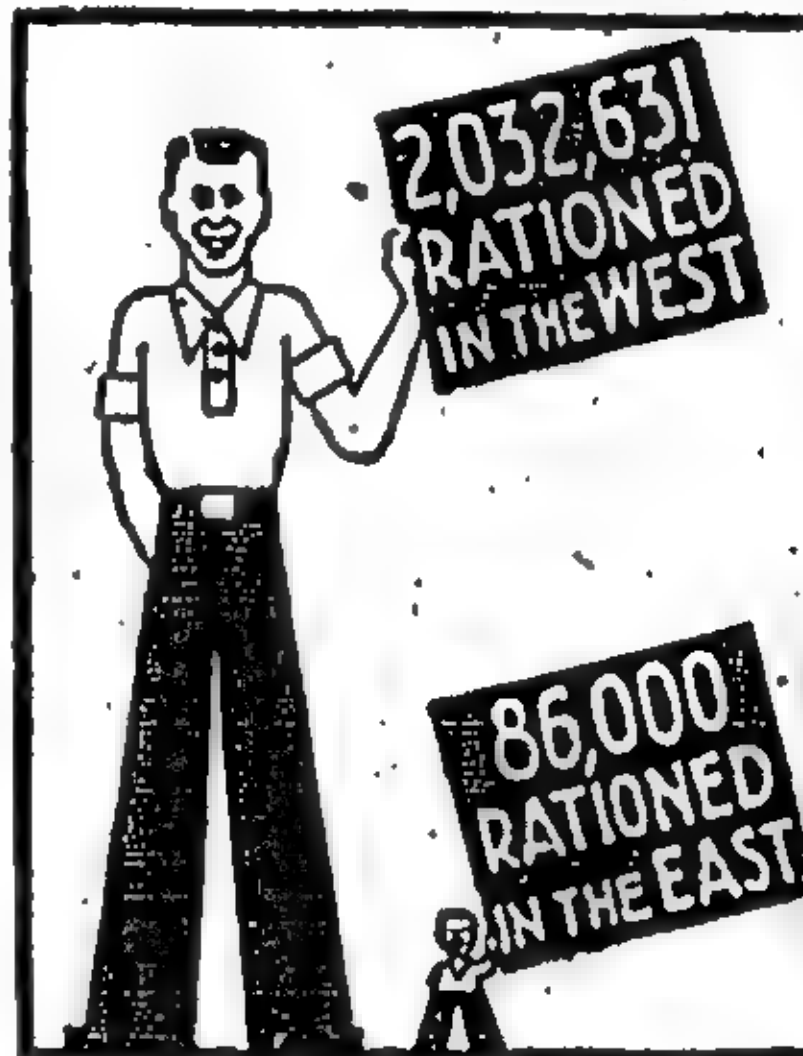
Western zone Berliners must make do with dried fruits or noodles instead of ordinary noodles; with dehydrated potatoes instead of fresh; with headless and tail-less fish or dried egg instead of whole fish; with dried milk (with full cream for all who received fresh milk pre-blockade) instead of fresh; with dehydrated vegetables instead of fresh.

But Soviet zone Berliners get no vitamin tablets; get no cheese; get ersatz (synthetic) coffee instead of pure coffee or tea the West provides.

As for meat, the West issues 33 1/3 grams of canned meat against 100 grams of meat coupons. The Russians increased their ration-scale in July, and we, again in self-defence, increased our air-lift to increase our ration-scale in November.

But the meat retailer in the West has

sold virtually no fresh meat over his counter in the last four months of 1948. Nevertheless, only 80,000 Berliners



have opted to go into the Soviet zone to register for food: 11,000 of them resident on the border; 15,000 of them working in the Eastern area.

Citizens Steady

Only 54,000 have been "persuaded" by a mixture of propaganda, bribery with foodstuffs and politics, to forsake West for East.

The blockade has curtailed electricity to one-third of the normal supply—which hits industrialists and private households alike. Gas—used for 90 per cent of private cooking in pre-blockade days—was cut by 50 per cent, and is now back to 75 per cent of the pre-blockade figure—due to Heaven alone knows what ingenuity of the industry and the coal administration. The bare figures are: Pre-blockade, 757,000 cubic metres a day; post-blockade, 546,000 cubic metres.

Sewage difficulties have restricted bathing in the rivers.

Another consequence of blockade is unemployment, especially with regard to young people. The imposition of the blockade threw 35,688 people out of work and 45,270 back to part-time employment.

Workless Grow

In November the unemployed went down to 35,251, but went up in mid-December to 40,572, and short-time workers to 67,000.

Street lighting has been reduced by 87 per cent from last year.

Great stress is laid upon the fact that the blockade, however effective materially, is still greater as a moral and psychological factor.

By and large, however, it seems—at least as yet—to have failed of its avowed purpose: to turn Berlin into a 100 per cent Russian city.

Once upon a time, in the days when going by air was a desperate adventure, a woman with a nice understanding of the masculine superiority complex suggested to civilian airline pioneers: "Let's have women stewardesses. Seeing more women working in an aeroplane will make men feel quite safe—or pretend they do."

Since the time—30 years ago—when women were used as airline "hail" they have fought and won the battle for air equality.

B.O.A.C. alone report that 40 per cent of their air travellers are women—that is about 48,000 a year. In America the percentage—and the figure—is even higher.

TRAVEL TALK

Problem of the day facing a million natives in Togoland, French West Africa, is whether or not they should have a German "king" to rule them.

Writing from Tangier, G. D. K. McCormick explains that their worry is quite an understandable one. The "king" in question is a 28-year old Negro German lorry-driver. The story of his claim to the throne goes back to the days when his grandfather was "king" of Togoland—and Togoland was

part of German West Africa. During the war the "heir" to the throne fought in the German Army and in Togoland his grandmother ruled in his stead. Now, however, the "queen" has sent a letter to her grandson, explaining that she is too old to rule any longer and asking him to return and take over the throne.

Whether the young "king" will or not now depends on the natives and officials of Togoland. Some believe that the returning "king" should be outlawed as a renegade to his tribe and the French flag. Others, that he is still a "king" by right and should be received back to the throne.

Only person sure about the future is the "king" himself, still in Germany. Already he has applied to this local labour exchange for permission to give up his job as a lorry-driver—and return to Togoland as "king."

How many meals does a fish make? To most people the answer would appear to be "it depends on the size of the fish." To leading British, Scandinavian and Benelux fish exporters, however, the answer, is that the size scarcely matters at all.

It depends, they say, far more on the way the fish is prepared, cooked and served—no matter whether it be three pounds of cod or a delicate portion of fresh rock salmon.

Discussing the matter still further at a fish traders conference in Amsterdam, the experts have pointed out that a housewife thinking she has fish enough for three people, has most probably fish enough for five or six—if she only serves it in the right way.

To give over 10,000,000 housewives in Central European countries the chance to do just this, the exporters are planning large scale fish-selling campaigns in Central Europe with headquarters at Vienna during the industrial fair there in March.

Describing the project to our correspondent, the secretary of the West European Exporters Group explained: "Central European housewives have no idea how to prepare and serve fish. They are accustomed to eating salt fish and dried fish with no attempt to make it look attractive or go further. We aim to import frozen fish and give them a chance to see it being cooked—in the right way."



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Mr. Polly Misses The Pathos

BY FRED MAJDALANY

Frustration has developed into such
a fine art that the case of Mr. Polly
seems almost like kids' stuff to the sen-
sioned introvert of today.

This H. G. Wells character, you will
remember, was a timid draper's assist-
ant who dreamed of a better life.

By way of escape he surreptitiously
read books when he should have been
serving customers, for he lived in the
days before discussion groups, Rita
Hayworth, and "Twenty Questions" had
been invented.

He was duly sacked, but a small
legacy enabled him to acquire the new
burden of a shop of his own, and the
even greater burden of a terrible wife.

After many years of this he ran
away—first settling fire to the shop while
his wife was at church—and found the
cutest little country pub run by the
cutest big country woman.

The catch here is that a formidable
Burglar Bill type called Uncle Jim con-
sidered that the pub and the lady belong
to him. But after a number of uneven
physical encounters Mr. Polly wins,
and proves that the meek can occasion-
ally inherit the earth if an author
knows his stuff.

Anthony Pelissier (who adapted the
novel and directed The History of Mr.
Pell—Leicester Square Theatre) seems
to have decided that the only way to sell
this fairy tale was to go all out for
comedy, and the comedy is good and
plentiful, though some of it is inclined
to be stogy.

There is a burlesque of a funeral
feast (Gladys Henson and Edward
Chapman prominent) which could be
lifted whole and put in a revue. There
is a delicious piece of fooling in a punt
(Miles Malleon magnificently prom-
inent). And the chases of the terri-
fied Polly by Uncle Jim (Finlay Currie
showing that Magwitch can be a Well-
sian as well as a Dickensian monster)
have a Walt Disneyish gusto.

But the pathos of Mr. Polly seems to
have got lost. John Mills acts like the
very devil, but he is never moving as
Charlie Chaplin or Danny Kaye would.

be in the part, which requires a
touch of Buttons and a dash of
Cyrano de Bergerac. The episode with
the schoolgirl, for instance, is flat and
cold.

I seldom felt sorry for this Mr. Polly.
Mr. Mills fails to suppress his natural
personality, which is that of the game
patrol-leader who will "win through"
in the end. Just you see if he doesn't!

Apart from the supporting characters
already named, by far the best acting
comes from Megs Jenkins (the plump
woman at the pub) and Betty Ann
Davies (the shrewish Mrs. Polly). Miss
Davies is an actress of real dramatic
power who could rapidly become a star
if given the right part. A likeable film
—but oddly (in view of its subject)
lacking in warmth and humanity.

By contrast, these qualities are con-
spicuously present in Le Visiteur
(Studio One), another of those films
about small boys which the French do
so well.

It concerns an orphanage which
largely exists on the benefactions of
one of its old boys who has become a
famous lawyer.

One day he turns up at the school
where he is revered as a legend. His
success with the boys is immediate—
but it gradually transpires that he is a
murderer on the run—his benefactions
have been the conscience-money of a
crook.

The police catch up with him, but
before he is taken away they agree to
a little sympathetic play-acting that
will make it seem to the boys that their
hero is being released—and the legend
can remain intact.

It is most beautifully acted by Pierre
Fresnay, by Balpetre, Vitold, and Beau-
champ (whose lack of Christian names
denotes that they are stalwarts of the
Comedies francaises) and by a host of
small boys.

Don't Trust Your Husband (London
Pavilion) is a very unimportant
comedy in which Medelaine Carroll
busily mistrusts Fred MacMurray.

She tries to make him jealous by
getting an agency to supply an actor
to flirt with her in a restaurant, but the
tables, as you might guess, get mixed
and the wrong man becomes involved.

It is not less funny than, say, Robert-
son Hare losing his trousers, if you find
that funny.

A big act of faith is necessary if
you are to relate "My Own True Love"
to the realities of English middle-class
life.

It presents Phyllis Calvert as a lady
who has worked with the French
"underground," has been imprisoned by
the Gestapo, and has ended up doing
fatigues in the ATS where a middle-
aged widower (Melvyn Doolittle) finds
her scrubbing floors.

After her demob, he installs her in
his flat prior to marrying her, but their

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plan is complicated by the return from
Burma of his son, who also wants to
marry her.

Mia Calvert settles for father, and
soothes her future stepson with some
womanly wisdom that fixes his frustra-
tion all right, but not the spectator's.

In "The Sainted Sisters" Barry
Fitzgerald makes an honest woman of
Veronica Lake and of Joan Caulfield,
a pair of flighty blackmailers, by per-
suading them to give away their win-
nings and to marry two perfectly
terrible yokels instead.

I wish I could share this idealistic
view of the mutability of the female
sense of values—not to mention the
film's sense of comedy.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. A Service Band, the No. 1 Regional
Band of the R.A.F.
2. The United States, where the Chair-
man of the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee announced that his
country will accept no moral com-
mitments to go to war.
3. Necmeddin Sadak, of Turkey, and
Halvard Lange, of Norway.
4. The First Battalion, The Buffs
5. Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Governor
of the Leeward Islands.
6. Israel.
7. Seldon Chapin, U.S. Minister in
Budapest, Hungary.

Our Serial Story

AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA

By Raymond Knotts

He asked the chief to get the police doctor on the phone.

"It's about Val Kelrayne, doctor. You said he was struck a paralyzing blow. But tell me this. What is the longest time he could possibly have lived after he was hit?"

"Oh, it would depend on a lot of things, including the vitality of the individual. He might possibly live as long as two hours."

Hale dropped the phone and dashed to his car. He roared down the Keys toward the Coral Strand Club. He stopped a few hundred yards beyond it. He looked in the glove box for his pistol and got a shock. The pistol was gone. He had put it in there yesterday. His flashlight, fortunately, had not been taken. He slipped it into his pocket.

Hale moved softly forward. At the door he listened. Then, drawing from his pocket the key he had taken from the manager's office on the night when Judie disappeared, he let himself in. Silently he closed the door behind him and the automatic bolt slid home. He slipped off his shoes and crept along to the chorus dressing room next to the one Velma Martine had used.

Quickly he swept the torch around the room, keeping it pointed toward the door.

The entire inside wall was occupied, except for the door through which he had just come in, by a wide shelf with a continuous mirror over it.

Staring somberly at the section of bare floor illuminated by his torch, he observed that it, like the dressing table ledge, had suffered from the carefree way of dancing girls with their cigarettes. It was stippled with black dots and dashes where cigarette butts had been tramped out or left to burn themselves away. He stared at them as if by concentration he might make them have meaning. And suddenly, with a crinkling sensation in his scalp, he did see meaning in them.

The stool where he sat was at the far end of the room from the star's dressing room. The beam of his flashlight lay along the juncture of this end wall with the floor, and it revealed that some of the black marks left by burning cigarettes began outside the wall but continued under its edge. And there were no corresponding scorched places on the bottom edge of the wall. It could only mean that the wall had been moved since the cigarette burns were made.

The wall would not, he saw, have been difficult to move. Except for a light wood baseboard and wooden strips for the clothes hooks, it was made of fiber wall board.

Laying the torch on the dressing table bench with its light aimed at the wall, he took a firm grip on two of the clothes hooks and pulled sharply. The wall began to open slowly out into the room like a wide door. As soon as the opening was wide enough, he snatched up the torch and thrust it through the aperture. The light flattened itself into a bright disk on another wall, only a few feet away. That would be the true end wall of the room, and this one he had just moved, having been set up to create a narrow secret chamber.

Tilting the flashlight downward, he saw what he had dreaded and expected to see: the tumbled dark hair, and waxen white face of Judie Polk.

Wrapped in blankets, the girl lay on an improvised bed of cushions on the floor, stretched at full length, utterly

lax. Drawing aside the blanket, Hale grasped her wrist. There was a faint beat.

He swept her up and carried her quickly along the dark corridor to the star's dressing room next door. There he found the daybed and put Judie gently down on it. Then, impelled by an urgent sense of impending danger, he crept swiftly back to the chorus room and made a quick survey. The narrow prison contained nothing but the cushions on which Judie had lain and one small gleaming thing that Hale picked up in his handkerchief. It was a hypodermic needle. He slipped it in his pocket. Then he reached for the pillow on which Judie's feet had rested, stuffed it up and laid it on top of the one where her head had been. Pushing the wall back into place, he snapped off the flashlight and crept back through the corridor to Judie's side in the pitch-dark adjoining room. He sank down on the edge of the daybed, put his cheek close to her face and felt her breath, light but steady.

Suddenly he heard a creeping footfall in the corridor outside the door. In the deep silence Hale heard the door of the chorus room swing softly open and the creeping feet, after a cautious pause at the threshold, take their way across the floor. He heard a soft scraping sound—the wall of Judie's prison was being pulled away.

And then, sharp and shocking, the sound of two shots.

Feet, soft shod or stockinged, raced out of the room and away.

Hale, releasing his pent breath, dwelt with astonishment on the fact that he had seen the flashes of the two shots. There must be a crack in the wall between this room and the chorus room. He turned on his flashlight and looked.

There was, Velma Martine had told the truth, but only a part of the truth. Not only had she heard Judie scream in the room next door, she had also looked on while the secret wall opened up and closed again, with Judie Polk behind it. That was the thing Velma Martine had known. For knowing that she had died.

Hale went into the chorus room again, making no attempt at quiet now. He pulled open the secret wall once more and flashed his light within. A pistol's powder blasts had charred two round holes in the pillow where Judie's head had rested so short a while ago.

Hale was feeling the special elation of a newspaper man who has just put over a world beat on a whale of a story. He had announced his discovery of the kidnapping victim exclusively in his newspaper. It had taken some managing to do it. Since it was only 11 p.m. when the creeping visitor fled from the Coral Strand Club thinking he had murdered Judie, Hale faced the problem of keeping his discovery to himself for seven hours, since his was an afternoon paper.

He had called Judie's friend Ellmore from the lounge, with Judie lying inert on a davenport beside him.

"Get your family doctor," he instructed Ellmore. "Have him at your house when I get there. Don't say anything to another soul."

Before she could ask where he was he hung up. Then he found his shoes and gathered Judie up again. He carried her out to his car and raved to the doctor waiting at Ellmore's home.

There were no reporters on watch there. They would be at Polk's now that the ransom had been paid and they were released from their pledge to stay away.

In his story, Judie's rescue was dramatically set forth, but not quite completely. There was no mention of the creeping assassin who had tried to kill Judie in the secret chamber at the Coral Strand Club. Hale had kept that strictly to himself.

"A great pal you turned out to be," growled the chief, mopping his pink brow with a handkerchief. "I thought we were working together on this case."

"Look," Hale pointed out. "The case isn't solved yet. You can still find Detridge and Quillmire. And that Weiller-Quillmire story will knock the world dead."

The chief brightened. "Sa-ay, it will at that. And listen," he dropped his voice confidentially, "that Quillmire is Weiller sure as hell. The fingerprints show it."

Hale went upstairs to see Judie, who was home in her own bed now.

She kissed Hale and wept. "I can't ever thank you, Jim."

"Tell me everything you remember," Hale directed.

"Well—it isn't much. I'm afraid. After Pavich drove Orring away, I went back into the club. But when I got to the foot of the stairs I didn't feel well and I thought, 'I'd better get some air.' So I went on through the downstairs hall and out into the palm grove."

"I stood there a minute letting the wind blow in my face. I had a feeling all at once that there was somebody behind me. I couldn't move. I simply froze. And then I got control of myself enough to look around, but the minute I turned my head somebody grabbed me. I screamed and he clapped his hand over my mouth and nose and held so tight I thought I'd suffocate. And then somebody put a cloth over my face with a sweet sickening smell to it." She shrugged. "That's all."

"Don't you remember talking to your father on the telephone?"

"Only vaguely. I thought maybe I just dreamed it. All I remember is, I seemed to be in a deep sleep and somebody dragged me up. They held something under my nose, and I roused up a little, and then somebody said, 'It's your father. Tell him to do what we say, if you want to get out of this alive. Talk to your father!' And they put a telephone in front of my face, and I guess I screamed something into it. And then I passed out again."

"Was it on a boat?"

"I don't know." She rubbed her hand across her forehead in a troubled gesture. "It did seem that I was rocking around and sort of sick from it. But I never woke up enough to be sure." Her eyes filled with tears.

Breckenridge Polk was glad his daughter had been returned unharmed but he was glum about his 300,000 dollars.

"I'm telling you, Jim," he bellowed, "those guys can't kidnap my daughter and get away with it!"

"And commit three murders too," amended Hale.

"What? Oh, the murders. You don't really think those killings had anything to do with the kidnapping, do you?"

"I feel sure of it."

Mrs. Cayples, who had joined them, said, "Of course Breck's right. It's absurd to think those murders were connected in any way with the kidnapping. For my part, I'm not going to give them another thought. Judie's back and everything is perfect."

"Not quite," Polk grumbled. "Not by three hundred thousand dollars."

"Really, Breck," reproved Mrs. Cayples. "Anyway, you may get the money back."

Hale left them and went hunting for Bill Buford. There were still three murders to be solved.

CHAPTER SIX

Hale and Buford sat on the narrow afterdeck of the late Val Kelrayne's cruiser, Ellamay, at the dock. They fitted long rubber fins on their feet, slipped snoutlike masks over their faces, and slid off into the clear water of Biscayne Bay. Skin diving it was called.

Hale began to swim around just above the bottom, picking up dark objects showing on the white sand 18 feet below.

Buford began to do it too. Each time they rose they carried their trashy loot with them.

The next time they came up Hale asked, "Feel ready to go after fish now after this practice? Then, let's go over to the Everglades City."



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They put their clothes on and set out in the car. They made one stop, in front of a department store in Miami, and Hale carried the handkerchief full of junk from the bay bottom into the store.

Buford shook his head sadly. "You look as sane as anybody," he observed. When they returned late in the afternoon, a little sunburned and pleasantly tired, Hale went into the store again. He was gone 10 minutes, and he came out carrying a big square box.

"Just a little repair work," said Hale. "And say—skipping from heads to feet—I had a pair of galoshes in the car when I got there. But yesterday they were gone. You haven't seen a pair around, have you?"

Buford craned his neck over the back of the seat. "Here they are."

"What?" Hale stopped the car and looked. The galoshes were arranged primly on the floor in front of the coupe's little back seat. Hale scowled. "They weren't in the car yesterday."

The chief of police put his damp handkerchief back in his pocket and said, addressing the group in Breckenridge Polk's library, "Mr. Hale has some ideas and evidence about these three murders."

"You mean to say you know who did those killings, Jim?" asked Polk.

"Yes I know. All three were killed by Asa, the man whose voice you heard delivering the ransom demand on the telephone."

"But who is Asa?" Polk's voice was full of eager interest.

"I'll tell you what I know," said Hale, "and you can decide from that who Asa is. To begin with, the reason there were murders was that the kidnapping was a failure."

"A failure?" Polk's voice shrilled with incredulity. "They got my 300,000 dollars!"

"Asa didn't. The kidnapping failed because the wind blew. Asa had prepared that hiding place in the Coral Strand Club chorus dressing room in advance. Built the false wall and set it in place, knowing nobody would notice the slight difference in the size of the room, especially since it was seldom used."

"Judie was to be put to sleep with sedatives and hidden in the little secret chamber until Thursday night. By that time the search would have turned away from the club. On Thursday night Asa was coming back for Judie. But the wind stopped him—he was coming by ship."

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BEETHOVEN'S ERA

As I indicated in last week's article, Beethoven's influence on music as a whole is so tremendous that he justly falls to be treated as a man apart.

Born in 1770 and dying in 1827, he achieved such a position as has probably never been completely equalled since. Fables and stories so multifarious in number—some true and some false—have grown up around him. To sort the chaff from the wheat is sometimes difficult. Without doubt, the most authoritative sources are Ernest Newman's and Romaine Rolland's books on his life. Rolland's publication is an epic treatise of some 600 pages, much of it devoted to a searching analysis of his music and art.

When Beethoven was born, Haydn had been alive for 38 years; Schubert, born 27 years after, outlived him by a year. Bach and Handel had both been dead some 20 years. Consequently, Beethoven took over where Bach and Handel left off, since between 1750 and 1770 only Mozart is worthy of mention in terms of comparison.

Beethoven, then, had but few illustrious predecessors on which to base his ideas. Every idea that emanated from him was his own interpretation; the chamber music pianoforte sonatas particularly were an advancement undreamt of in terms of music. Above all else, Beethoven was an experimenter, in form. His experiments however, were carefully studied and analysed before, committed to paper. There is no tendency to experiment merely for experiment's sake. Each new idea he carried out as a trust to be carefully matured and examined to verify its worthiness of further exposition.

When Beethoven was at full maturity, instruments themselves had made tremendous strides in both quality of tone and mechanical attainments. Beethoven too pursued—and with what results!—the finer subtleties of orchestration to such a point that he made of the orchestra a unit submissively responsive to his every demand. One but has to recall the use of muted horns in his "Romance for Wind Instruments" to appreciate the truth of this asseveration.

From Beethoven's time onwards, the symphony became a form of music within which a composer might give free play to his ideas.

With his pianoforte concertos, Beethoven was less a pianist in that he did not attempt any major departure from the form adopted by Corelli, Scarlatti, Bach and Mozart. He did, however, compose five pianoforte concertos, of which the No. 3 and No. 5 (Emperor) have attained outstanding popularity. This can be evidenced by a glance through the catalogues of the major recording companies. The various issues made of the Nos. 3 and 5 Concertos far outweigh any of the others.

Whereas the Mozart Pianoforte Concertos were composed more as grand Chamber Music, Beethoven approached his music from an orchestra view point. In the Mozart concertos, the orchestra is slightly-scoted, almost to the point of daintiness; but in the Beethoven Concertos, a full orchestral score is found, complete with those thrilling crescendos and climaxes typifying his symphonic writings. The Piano—although lavishly provided for in its role of solo instrument—enters into and forms an inseparable part of the orchestra.

There can be no question, I feel, that in these concertos, Beethoven is heard at his best. There is a quality about the music which today never fails. What must the reactions have been to the critics in Beethoven's time when these compositions burst on their astounded ears! For, used as they were to the classical form of concerto devised by the Italian Masters and later Mozart, Beethoven's conceptions must certainly have marked something of a departure from tradition.

Of his chamber music and its enduring contribution to musical development, space permits but this brief mention. Into sonatas for violin

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and piano, sonatas, quartettes, quintettes and sextettes, Beethoven poured the inspired gifts which were his. Certain it is in this musical form, as in all others which he touched, Beethoven's name is one which will endure so long as music does not perish from the face of the earth. And so to the week's programmes.

SUNDAY

The Symphony Concert tonight (Part I at 9.15 p.m. and Part II at 10.10 after Radio News) comprises:

Beethoven's Violin Concerto. (Played by Kreisler and the London Philharmonic Orchestra)

Symphonic Variations for Pianoforte and Orchestra—Cesar Franck. (Played by Cortot and the London Philharmonic Orchestra)

Symphony No. 5. Sibelius. In my short notes on Beethoven, I found no space to refer to his Violin Concerto, the first item in tonight's programme. Consequently, it may be appropriate to include a brief reference here.

Bonavia, in his searching analysis of this work says, "Led by never failing instinct rather than by experience, Beethoven wrote for the violin as no other composer had written before, discovering new possibilities, developing its capacity for expressing a very special and very fine type of emotion."

Indeed, until Mendelssohn wrote his concerto some 25 years later, the great violinists regarded Beethoven's Concerto as being the sole composition worthy to rank in their repertoire.

The dust of past ages has not in any way affected this judgment some to confirm it as being of exceptional accuracy in hearing this loveliest of all music, the listener cannot but fall to realise he is in the presence of great music, played by a great artist.

Fritz Kreisler. Franck's Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra open the second part of the Concert at 10.10 p.m. Cortot is soloist, and not, for once associated with Chopin's music, in the interpretation of which his name has become a household word. Cesar Franck was primarily at home in composing for the Organ, where his reputation ranks with Guilmant, Widor and Rheinberger. However, in these Symphonic Variations, the capabilities of the piano are fully exploited in conjunction with the orchestra. Indeed this work has become a classical standard by which to judge other compositions of a similar type. Cortot gives an impeccable performance of his country-man's music.

MONDAY

The "peak" listening period on any evening is probably 9.0 to 10. p.m. and tonight that period is occupied by a "live" broadcast which, from brief details so far available, augurs well. The No. 1 R.A.F. Regional Band is paying a visit to the Colony, and tonight its first Concert from the China Fleet Club is being broadcast. As a stalwart adherent of "live" broadcasts, this feature will afford a great interest in point of mere change from a subtlety of "recorded" music.

TUESDAY

Tonight at 7.30 p.m. Aileen Woods usual feature "Stage and Screen Favourites" is made over by her to a new programme called "The Gay Nineties". Aileen's wide knowledge and experience of music shows and films can be calculated to introduce many a nostalgic memory in this feature.

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At 9.00 p.m. "Twenty Questions" is revived again. Tonight's quiz is the first of a series of six shows, in which the Resident Team put their wits against (almost!) all-comers.

This type of programme seemed to gain a tremendous popularity during World War II. If the B.B.C.'s statistics are to be believed (or is that heresy?) "Quiz" shows still retain that popularity.

WEDNESDAY

Rejoicings tonight at 10.15 p.m. in the older listeners whose memories extend back to the days of the old Lyceum in London "Tom Jones" is to be heard, in an abridged version adapted for radio.

Sir Edward German's over-green music loses none of its charm with the passage of years. Good music, like good wine, matures to advantages, the years between but mellowing the inherent bouquet. So it is with "Tom Jones".

THURSDAY

At 8.30 p.m. Solomon is playing the Bliss Pianoforte Concerto. I have—as always with most modern composers—to confess that I don't quite profess to understand Bliss. However, if an open mind is kept and all prejudice firmly eliminated, then attentive listening should reveal the qualities of this music.

FRIDAY

Tonight at 9.35 p.m. there is a short but intriguing programme of Bach. Isobel Ballie, one of the most gracious and accomplished of English sopranos, sings that loveliest of motets, "Be thou with me." Harriett Cohen follows with her masterly arrangement of an exquisite chorale, "Sanctify us by thy Grace". To round off a perfect career of pure beauty, Leann Goossens lends all his artistry in playing solo-oboe in the Bach Cantata's Choir's rendering of "Jesse, Joy of Man's desiring."

Some listeners may recall I included this record in a "I like what I like" programme before Christmas. It will therefore be of special interest to me to hear yet again what is unquestionably one of my favourite recordings.

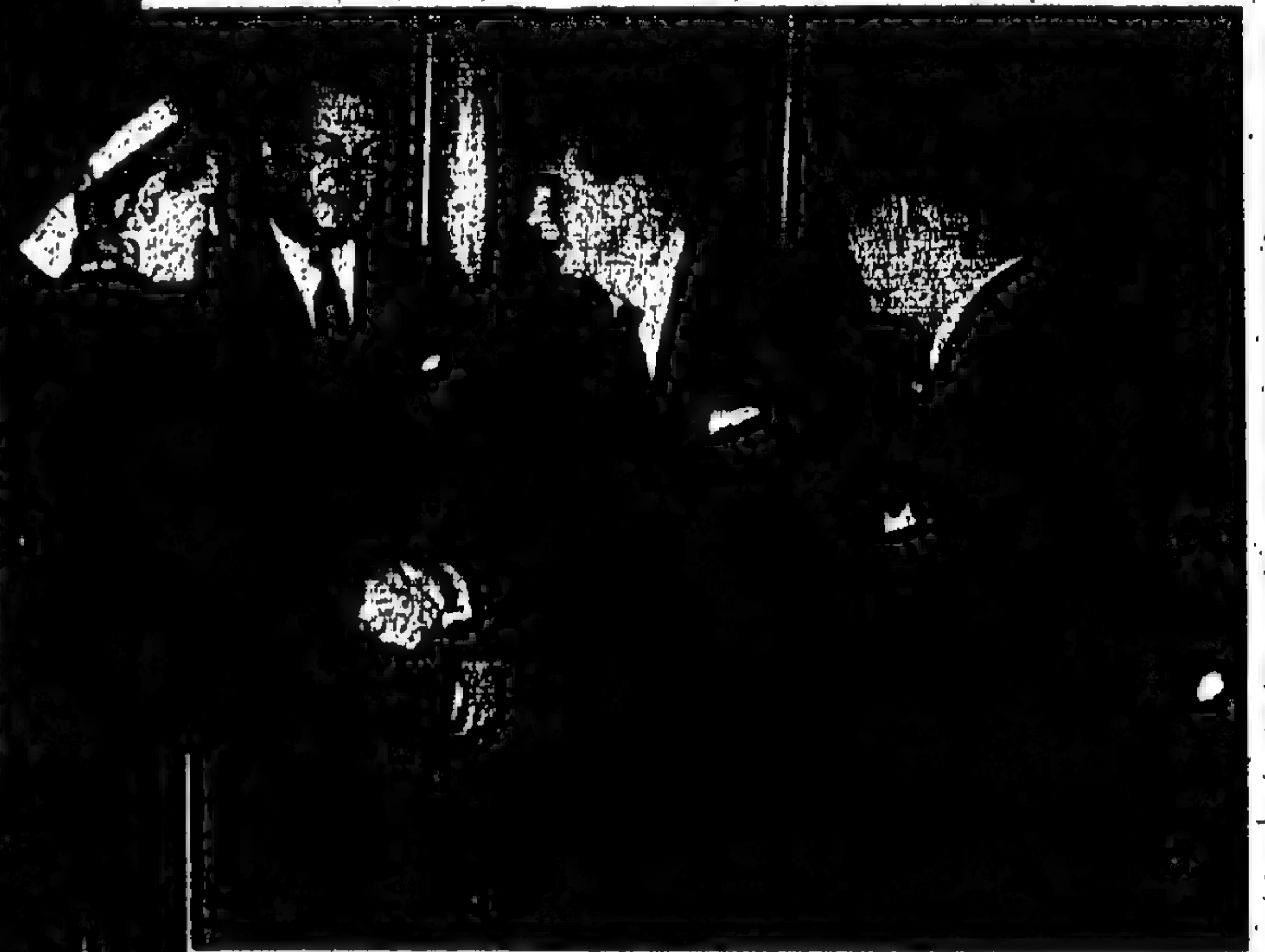
SUNDAY HERALD Pictorial



A cocktail party in honour of Mr. Jennings Wong, Director of the International Refugee Organisation, Far East, was given at the Hong Kong Hotel on the eve of Mr. Wong's departure for Geneva for consultations with the parent body there. Mr. Wong (right) is seen here with Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi. (King's Studio)



Mr. Wm. A. Collison (on Mr. Jennings Wong's right), Director of the Hong Kong office of the International Refugee Organisation. (Francis Wu Studio)



Mr. Paul H. Pearson, American Consul, and Mrs. Pearson are greeted at the cocktail party by Mr. Collison and Mr. Jennings Wong. (Francis Wu Studio)



Mr. R. E. Jobez, Consul-General for France at Hong Kong, and Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald," were among the many guests at the party. (Francis Wu Studio)

Mr. T. B. Wilson, Manager of the American President Lines' local office, and Mr. Tiburcio C. Baja, Philippine Consul-General, also attended Mr. Jennings Wong's cocktail party. On Mr. Wilson's right is Mr. Y. K. Kan. (Francis Wu Studio)





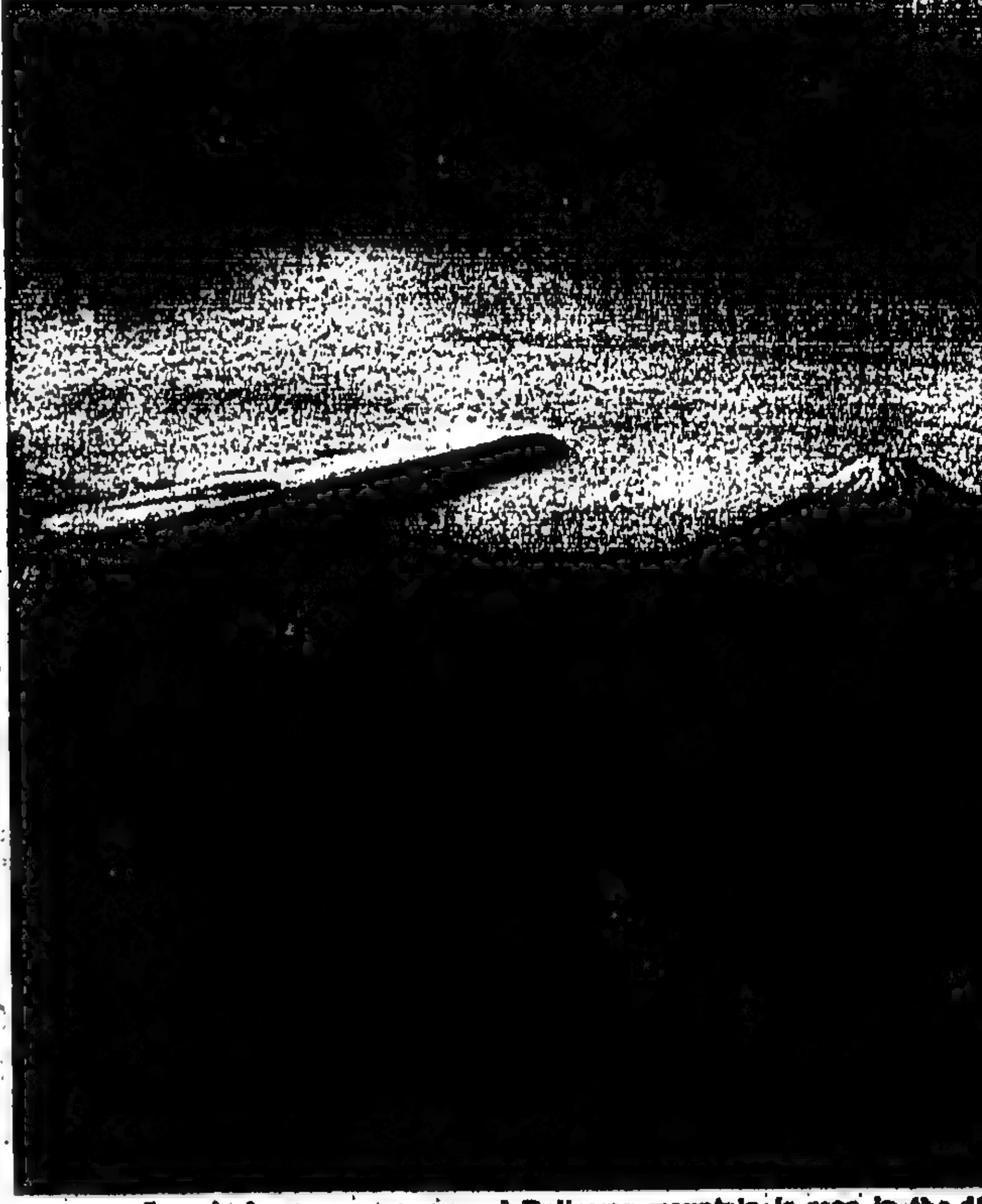
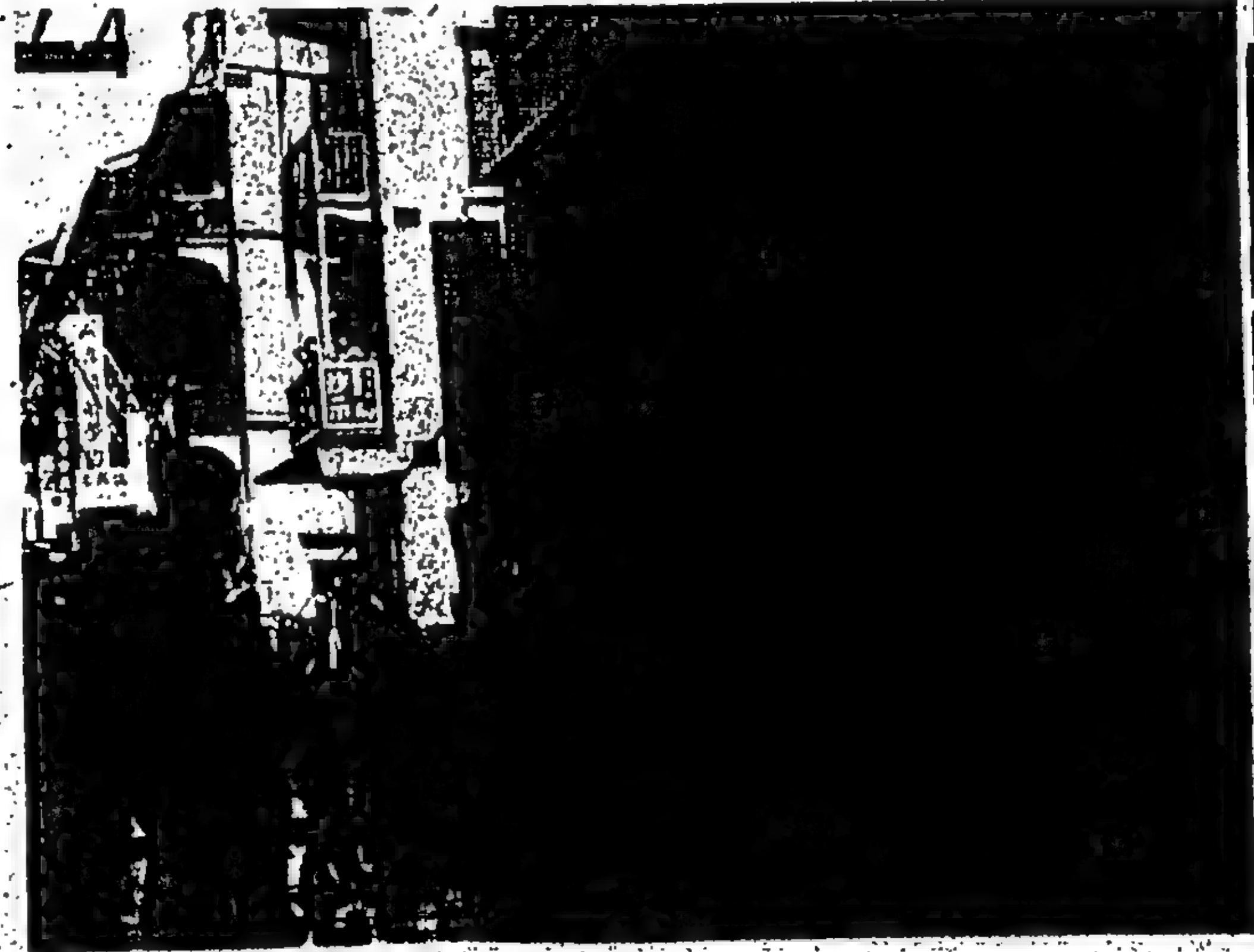
A final reunion dinner of officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, to be dissolved by the end of the month, was held recently at the China Fleet Club. The Governor (centre) was a guest of honour. ("China Mail" photo)



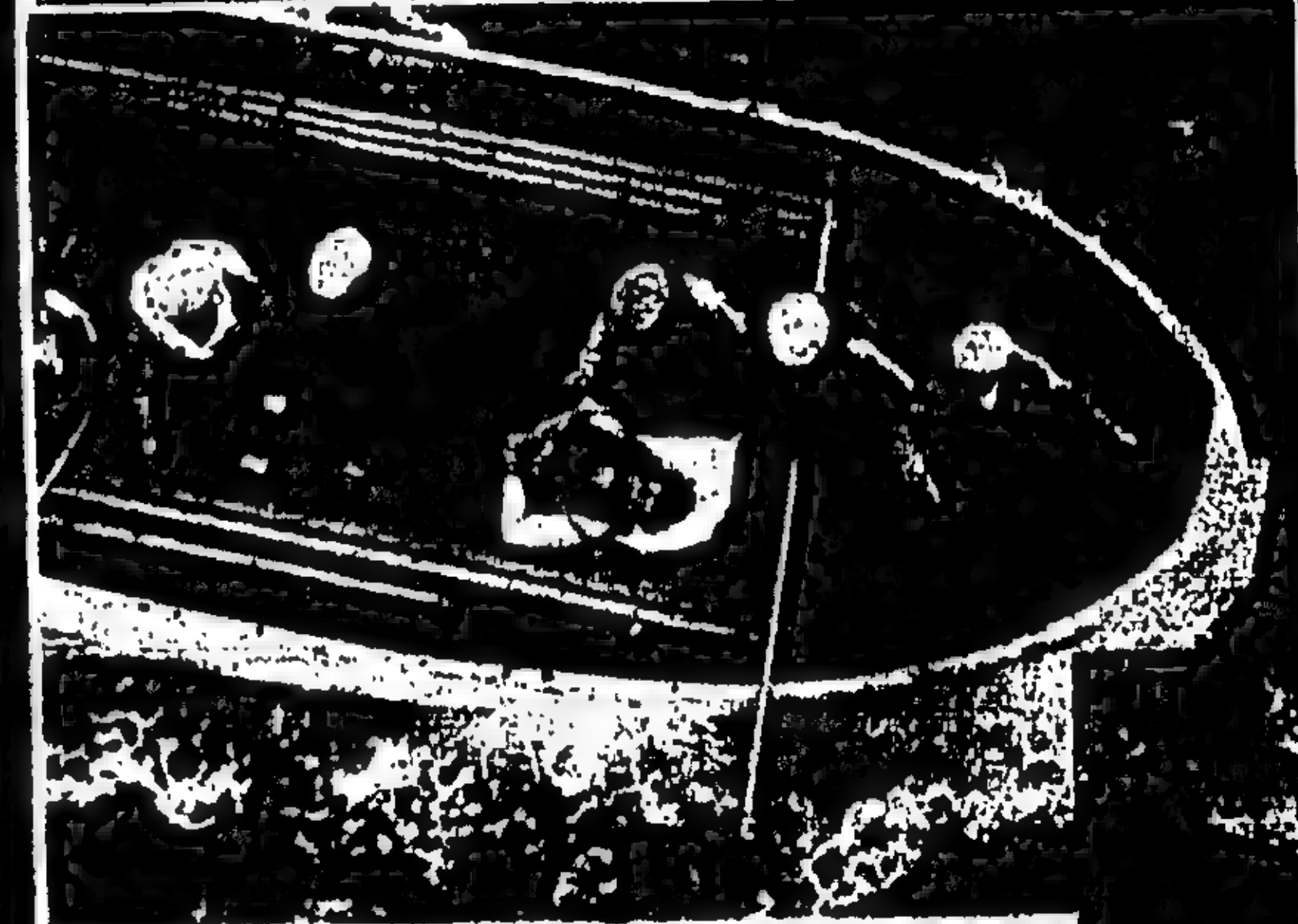
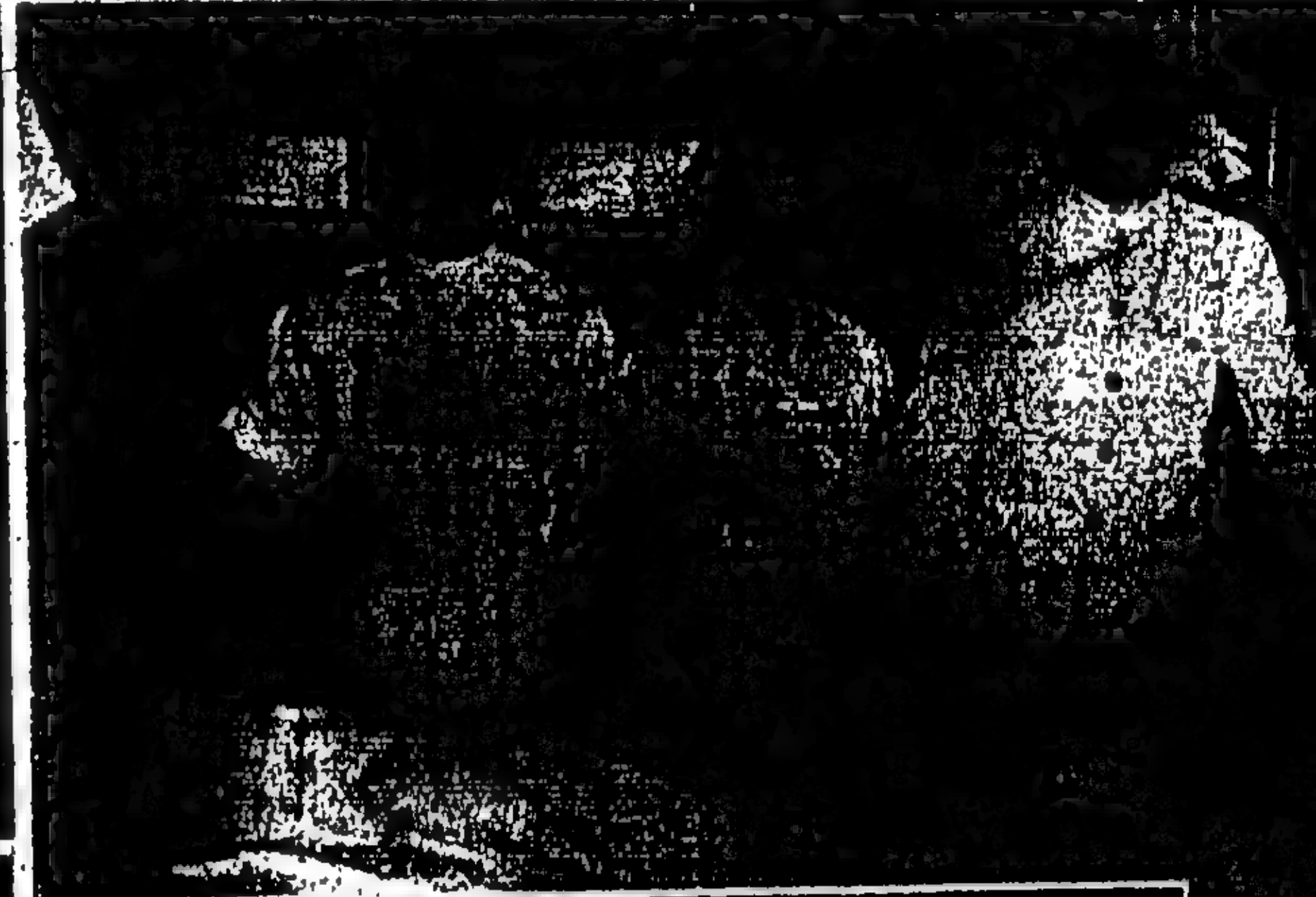
Mr. Harold Tiplady has been awarded the King's Police and Fire Service Medal for "courage and initiative" in dealing with the disastrous fire at the West Point godown of the Wing On Company on September 22 last. He was then Acting Deputy Chief Officer and was responsible for saving a number of residents trapped on roof tops. ("China Mail" photo)

For gallantry in the West Point Wing On godown fire from which he saved 50 lives, Station Officer Wong Wai-tsoi, of the Fire Brigade, has been awarded the King's Police and Fire Service Medal. ("China Mail" photo)

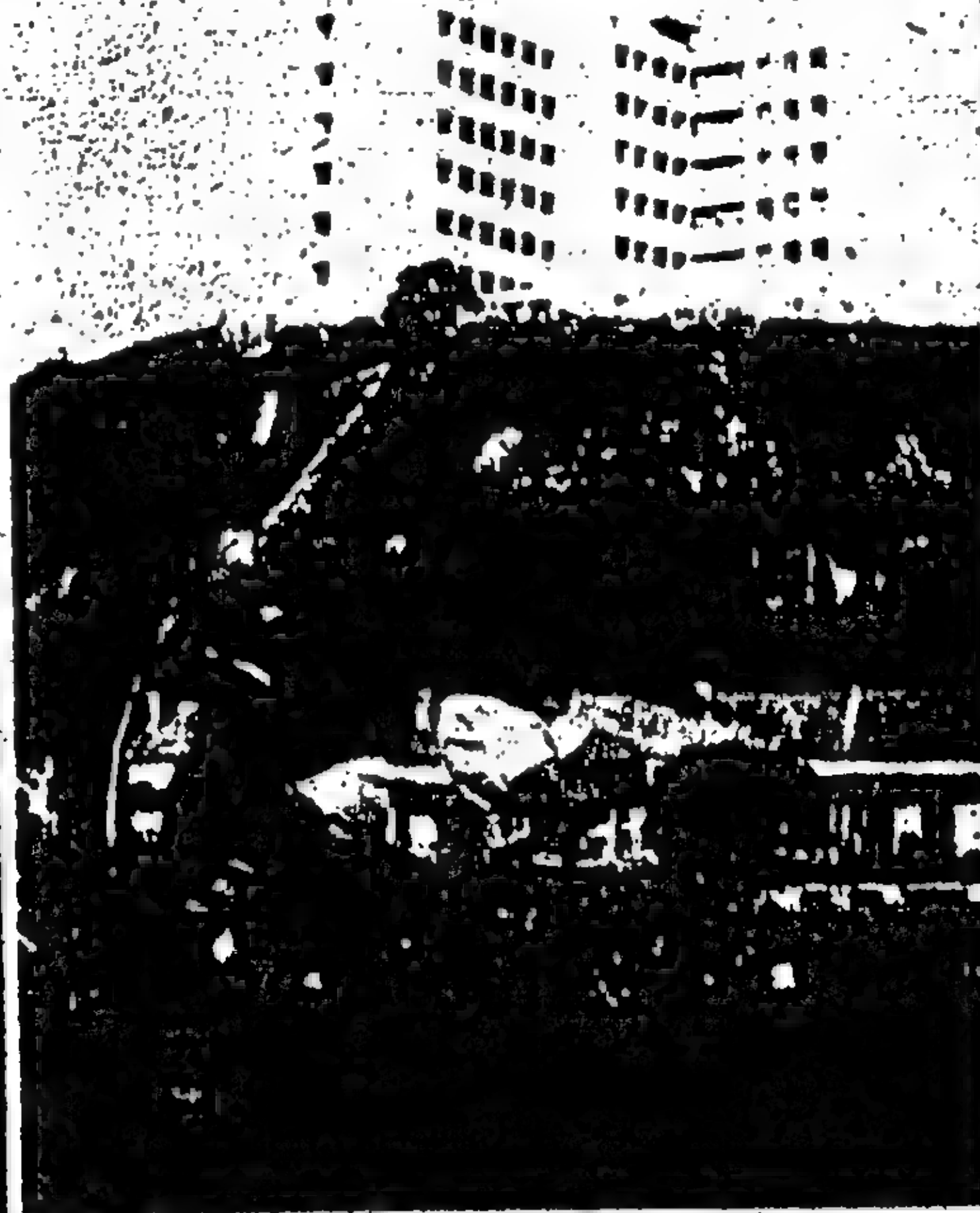
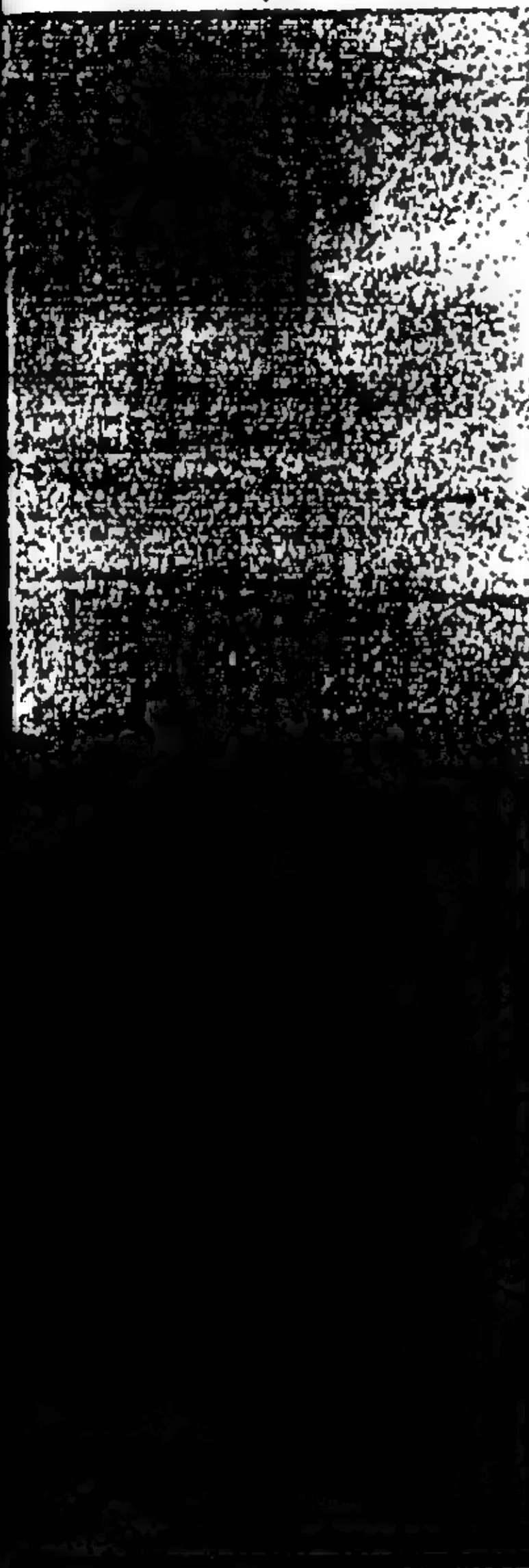
A 14-year-old shop assistant lost his life in a fire which gutted a fireworks dealers premises in Stanton Street. Firemen wore gas masks to enter the building and remove inflammable goods on the upper floors. ("China Mail" photo)



Japan's famous snow-covered Fujiyama mountain is seen in the distance from the CNAC's Skymasters which now touch at Tokyo on the flight from Hong Kong to San Francisco.



By the way, the "China Mail" photo of the 14-year-old shop assistant who lost his life in the Stanton Street fire, was a very sad one.



Army and Combined Chinese players jump for the ball during the final match in the Memorial Cup series. Combined Chinese won by three goals to two. ("China Mail" photo)

A dinner to celebrate the winning of the Hong Kong Derby by their pony, Golden Dahlia, was given by Messrs. Chan Yuk-cheun, Kwan Fan-fat, Chan Nan-cheong and Chan Kai-hong at the Kam Ling Restaurant recently. ("China Mail" photo)



This is the Combined Chinese team which beat the Army by three goals to two in the Memorial Cup soccer competition at Happy Valley. ("China Mail" photo)



The Combined Chinese beat the Army by three goals to two in the Memorial Cup competition at Happy Valley on February 18. The losing team (above) played a fast game but could not equalise the score when the final whistle blew. ("China Mail" photo)

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Army Seaman George Blatch, one of the U.S. Arizona Victory, was at sea and operated on for his appendix. The operation was on board the ss President Cleveland. Here the patient is in comfortable hospital ward of the Cleveland.



A considerable number of local residents flocked to the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium recently to see the Hong Kong University Arts Association's "The School for Scandal" play. (Ming Yuen studio)

Members of the cast in "The School for Scandal," presented by the Arts Association of the Hong Kong University at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium recently. (Ming Yuen Studio)



Miriam and Veronica, twin baby daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. C. Wong, were christened at St. Theresa's Church, Kowloon Tong, last week. The group was taken at the entrance of the church. (Mainland Studio)

Mr. Sherman Chiu and his bride, the former Miss Wong May, who were married at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, on February 3. (Mayfair Studio)

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. V. Hugo Marcal after their marriage at the Rosary Church recently. The bride was formerly Miss Maria dos Remedios. ("China Mail" photo)



Graham John, infant son of Inspector and Mrs. D. Clark, was baptised at St. John's Cathedral on February 12. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gallop and their baby son, Russel George, who was christened at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, on February 8. The god-parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ollerdsen. (Ming Yuen Studio)



Miss Margaret Ann Blenkinsop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. P. Blenkinsop of Kowloon Docks, celebrated her 14th birthday anniversary recently. Here is Margaret and some of her friends who attended the party. (King's Studio)

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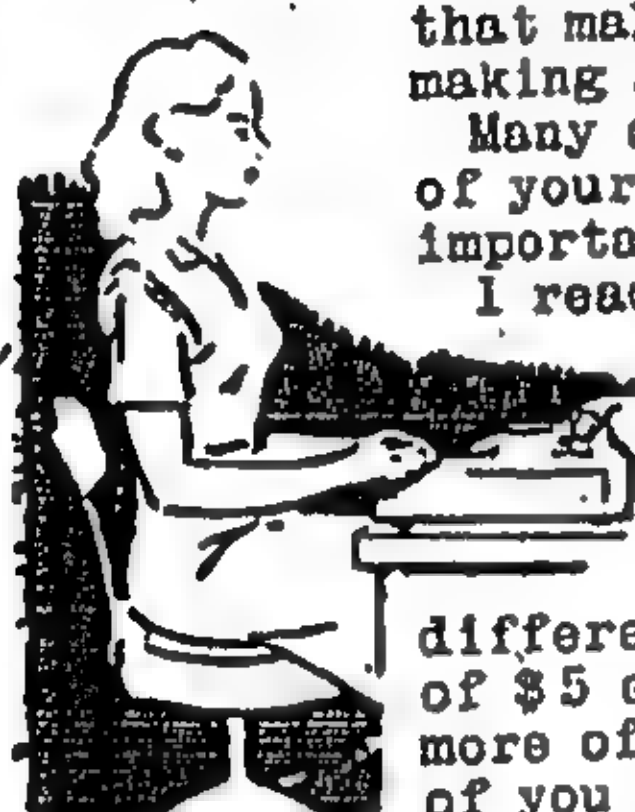
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I read every one of your letters, and already I feel we are good friends. I really do want to help you in every way I can, but you must give me time to answer your letters, and I'll try my very best.

Another new idea which I hope you all will like, is that prizes for the competitions will be a little different. Starting this week, there will be two first prizes of \$5 each and six consolation prizes of \$2 each. In this way more of you will have a chance to win a cash prize (which most of you still think is the best.) At any rate do let me know if you like it or not.

The last chapter of the serial "Comrades of the Legion" will appear on page 2. I can't promise you another one exactly the same as this, but will see what I can find.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Merry Moments

"Dicky, you mustn't pull the cat's tail."

"I'm only holding it. The cat is pulling."

"My papa's a book keeper," said little Albert proudly.

"Yes, I know it," replied small Sally, "he's keeping several that he borrowed from my papa."

"Mamma, can I go out to play?"

"What, with all those holes in your pants?"

"No, Mamma, with the little boy next door."

"Willy, won't you have some more ice cream?"

"No, ma'm. Mother says I don't want any more."

IN THE WOODS

I love to go into the woods, To see the beauty there, The squirrel collecting all his nuts, So full of care.

He puts them very carefully In with his winter store, Then when that's done, he always Goes back for more and more.

Then there is the little stream, That flows so gently by, Everyone can catch a fish, I often wonder why?

But I like the big oak tree, Which stands at the edge of the wood,

I have a little friend there, I call him Robin Hood.

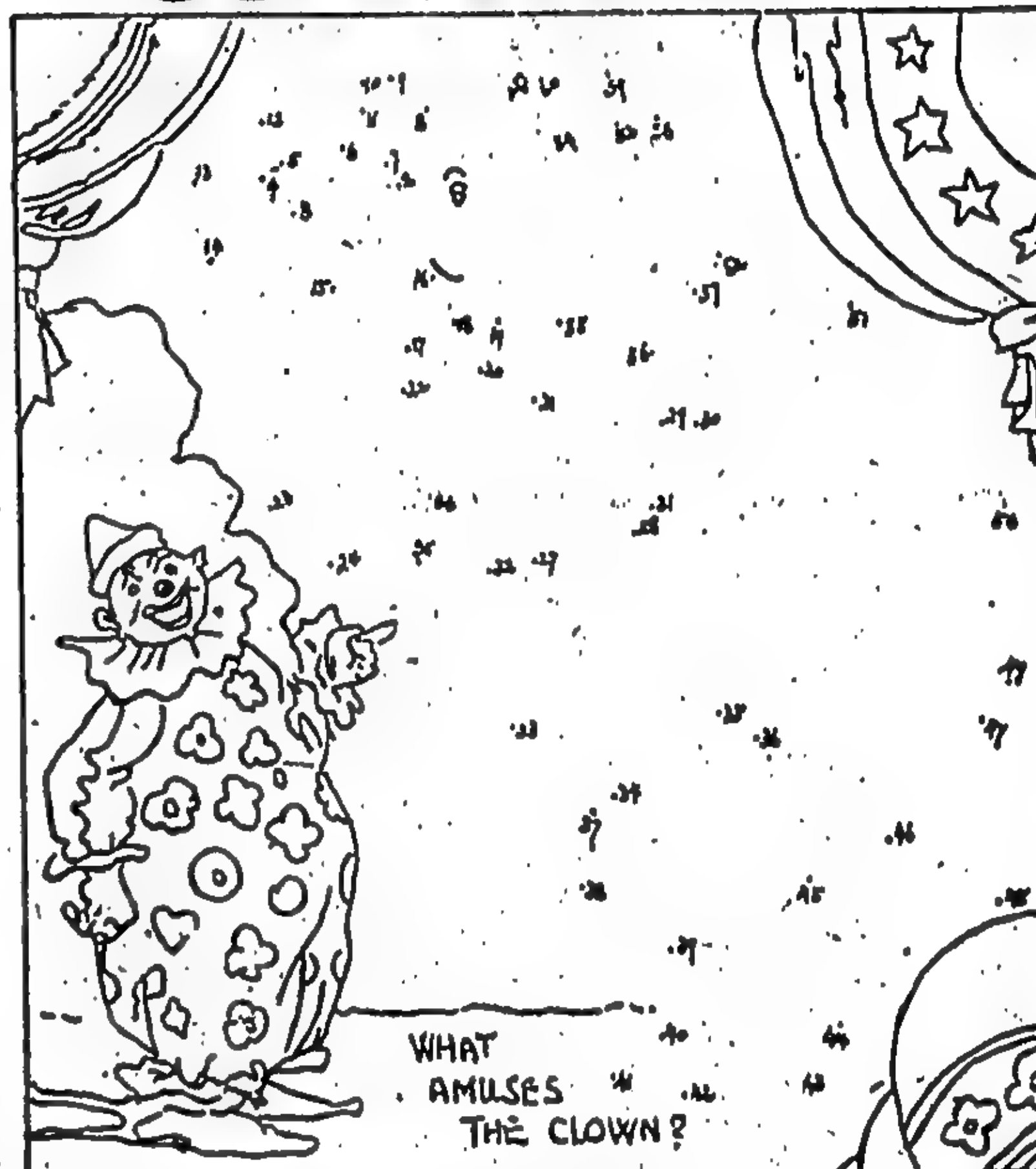
He really is a little bird, A sweet little robin redbreast, There's always some crumbs for him, Left over from my breakfast.

Now we must leave our little friend

Who lives in the big oak tree, I do hope you have enjoyed, That little romp with me.

Honour certificate to Olive Johnson of 54, Holly Road, Priory Estate, Dudley, Worcs., England.

COMPETITION



WHAT AMUSES THE CLOWN?

To form the outline, draw a line from "1" to dot "2", then "3" and so on till the picture is finished.

After that you can paint the picture in any colours you like. Fill in the form below and send it to me, Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, with your entry.

This week the prizes will be

different. Two first prizes of \$5 each and six consolation prizes of \$2 each.

Mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Competition."

Name

Address

Age



In The Mailbag

EVA, you need not tell your sister to come to the office to collect the certificate, as I've already sent it to you. It's an honour certificate, keep it and when you have gained 20 points you will get \$10.

ZEZITO of Macao, you need not pay for enrolling in the H.C.C. It's open to all children who would like to join.

OLIVE JOHNSON, you are not grating crashing at all. I'm always glad to receive letters, and yours was a most welcome one. Hope to hear from you more often.

TEDDY CHU, you are now a member of the H.C.C.

H.C.C. Members

NAME: Cynthia Sousa.
ADDRESS: 4, Gresson Street, (2nd fl.).
AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: Reading and collecting film photos.

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HOBBIES: Collecting stamps.

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AGE: 12.
HOBBIES: Collecting stamps.

NAME: Jennifer Tuck.
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AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Dancing, knitting, sewing, and stamp collecting.

NAME: Norma Voke.
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AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Swimming, net-ball and cooking.

NAME: Cecilia Wan.
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AGE: 10.
HOBBIES: Reading, and sewing.

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AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Collecting bus tickets.

NAME: Kenneth Wong.
ADDRESS: 14, Duke Street, Kowloon.
AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Printing.

NAME: Dorothy Wong.
ADDRESS: 10, Chancery Lane, (2nd fl.).
AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Reading and cooking.

NAME: Michael Willcox.
ADDRESS: Central Police Station Hong Kong.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting.

RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin





Birthday Greetings



HUGH CHAUN of 23, Cumberland Road will be 14 years old on February 21.

On February 23, **ANGUS BUCHANAN** of Melbourne Hotel, Room 215, Kowloon will be nine years old.

On February 25, **LOLITA M. GUTIERREZ** of Ma Tau Chung Camp, Kowloon, and **WENDY YEO** of 6, Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, will both be 12 years old.

On February 26, **DORIS BECK** of Talkoo Sugar Refinery, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, will be 13 years old.

A Happy Birthday to you all.

What is the difference between an auction sale and being seasick?

Answer: In an auction sale you put up with it. In seasickness you put up with it.

If a man split his sides with laughter, what ought he to do?

Answer: He ought to stop laughing.

WORLD SPOTLIGHT

Naturalists throughout the world will shortly be examining scientific accounts of the finding in a remote district in the South Island of New Zealand of two living specimens of the notornis, a flightless swamp hen, which has been believed to be extinct for half a century.

The notornis was becoming rare over 100 years ago when Europeans first settled in New Zealand. Only four specimens have ever been captured before and they are museum treasures. Two are in the British Museum, one is at Dresden and one in New Zealand.

Toward the close of last century many parties set out in search of the notornis, attracted for the rewards freely offered for specimens, but they met with no success. The species had apparently died out.

Then, after 50 years, a party of naturalists came on strange tracks in the Lake Te Anau district in the far South of New Zealand. With their curiosity, excited, the party returned recently armed with cameras and nets. In an area of snowgrass they sighted three of the birds, very far from extinct.

The naturalists set nets and two birds walked into them.

They were examined for an hour and a half and were then released in the hope that the colony of strange survivors from the past would continue to flourish. About 18 lbs. high and weighing 51 lbs., the birds cannot fly but have strong beaks and claws.

There's hope for the Dodo yet.

Women keepers at Melbourne Zoo get on better with the animals than do the men zoo staff.

So, at present, the zoo has three smart girls to look after monkeys, dingy pups, kangaroos, lion cubs, leopards and vultures.

One of the girls, 24-year-old Miss Anne Gabbins, ex-Melbourne University student, is zoo doctor. Every day, with the head keeper, she holds a sick parade for lame, spotty and mousy animals.

Her most important patient at the moment is a leopard whose feet have to be painted daily—to harden the pads. Says Miss Gabbins: "He's a particularly nice leopard."

If schoolchildren in South Africa had a vote they would certainly ensure that Mr. J.J. O'Connor, who is standing as an Independent at the Provincial Council elections next March, was elected.

Part of his programme is: "No homework for schoolchildren except reading and spelling the English and Afrikaans languages and learning how to speak them correctly."

Children between eight and 12 years of age themselves pick the films which are included in the Children's Film Library just set up in Canada.

Suggested films are shown before an audience of children during a "wiggly test." If the children wiggle in their seats too much, it is a sign that the film is boring them, and is therefore unsuitable to be added to their library.

Films are also seen by the Committee of grown-ups, who cut out any films or parts of films which they think are unsuitable.

The purpose of the Library is to make films available at nominal rates for special shows for child audiences.

WHO AM I?

My first is in coat but not in out. My second is in boat and also in mount.

My third is in knee but not in me.

My fourth is in she and also in fee.

My whole is something that grows on a tree.

Answer: Cone.

Honour certificate to Eleanor Reed of 10, eighteen Hill Flats, Hong Kong.

Merry Moments

Small boy: Does the giraffe have a sore throat if it gets its feet wet?

Big brother: Yes; but not until the following week.

Swimming teacher: Now don't forget that—a hollow-body-can't sink. Next time I'll show you how easy it is to keep your head above water.

"No fishing allowed here."

"I'm not fishing. I'm allowing this worm to bathe."

"Can I see that worm?"

"Here it is."

"Well, you are arrested for allowing it to bathe without a swimming costume."

"I am going to break the high dive record."

"But that board is only 15 feet high."

"I know, but I am going to dive off it four times."

"Can you swim, boy?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where did you learn?"

"In the water, sir."

"Now, Billy, what letter in the alphabet comes before J?"

"I am sure I don't know, teacher."

"What have I on both sides of my nose?"

"Freckles."

Never go in the water after a hearty meal; you'll never find it there.

Dorothy, aged five, after watching her mother making a pencil sketch, said: "Mamma, I know what drawing is."

"Well, what is it, dear?"

"It's just thinking, and then making a mark around a think."

Aunt: I'll fix your grapefruit for you, dear. How much sugar shall I put on it?

Elsie: Too much, please, auntie.

DOWNY DUCK



Honour certificate to Lolita Gutierrez of Ma Tau Chung Camp, Room No. 3, Kowloon.

The Competition Winners

First prize of \$10 goes to Albert Xavier of 10, Austin Avenue, Kowloon; second prize of \$7 goes to Vincent Chang of 25C, Tung Tau Village, Kowloon and third prize of \$5 goes to Irene Hurlow of 37, Ashley Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

Honour certificates of five points have been awarded to Joan Childs of 45, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon; Law Ping Shue of 27, Caro-lina Hill Road, 1st floor, Hong Kong and Edith Mason of Argyle Estate, Room 31, Kowloon.

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NUREMBERG REVISITED

FROM ERIC BOURNE

"Sir, we can get anything we want now. Plenty to eat—everything." An hour's stroll past the shops and again at night by the restaurants, rebuilt and ablaze with light, which have mushroomed up amid the macabre ruins of the Old Town, suggested that the young German driver from the American taxi pool was right.

It was my first stay in Nuremberg since two years ago I saw Lord Justice Lawrence pass judgment on Goering and the other sorry remnants of the Nazi hierarchy, and my first stay anywhere in Bizonia since the currency reform last June.

Nuremberg, I am assured, is quite typical of the cities and big towns of the American controlled area. Yet reports from Germany have failed to convey adequately the picture of the radical material change the Western zones have undergone in the past few months.

Probably the writers are too close to realise it. As with the ruins amid which they still live, the overall scene is all too familiar for the change, fantastic as it is in many ways, to be fully observed, particularly in a land where for three years the fantastic has been common-place.

The German are pleased with the D-mark. It is real money. They are not interested any more in cigarettes, whose "prices" have slumped, and German cigarettes are so plentiful that Americans who find a weekly ration of 16 packets of 20 inadequate are now buying more from the natives!

In one shop I inspected some chess sets handsomely carved from bone. Prices ranged from 140 to 200 marks (about ten guineas to £15). Out of curiosity I told the shopkeeper I had no German money—cigarettes perhaps? He shook his head and smiled me out. A change from the days when Allied

customers stood on one side of a store armed with cartons of cigarettes waiting to snap up the jewellery or other family valuables with which wretched Germans were parting on the other side of the store.

All over Nuremberg, shops have sprung up among the ruins. Well-lit, well-designed and dressed windows offer a lavish array of goods. The shelves of pre-war stores which miraculously escaped the bombs and which stayed "empty" for three years after the war are lined now with packets and bottles and cans of groceries, meat and sausage—commodities in many cases concealed "under the counter" during the lean years when the British housewife was being stunted to help keep Germany from going under.

Fresh meat and fats are still a problem for the scrupulous, but if you are ready to pay your butcher well you will eat meat most days of the week if not all, and the selfishly-inclined Bavarian has rarely allowed the rest of Germany's need for fats to compel him to go short himself.

Those whose purses are big enough—and they are surprisingly many—are indulging in an orgy of spending.

It is in the cafes at night that life assumes its most fantastic shape. The menus of half-a-dozen of them offered a better choice and more to eat than many good London restaurants when I was last in London a year ago.

You could have soup and hors d'oeuvres, your pick of numerous fish and meat dishes (both if you wanted them), plenty of poultry including roast goose at six marks 50 Pfennigs, the most expensive item on the menu, with cream cake or some other sweet and coffee to wind up with.

The meals are so good that when the restaurants were first opened, American personnel swarmed into them. Now all German cafes are "off limits" and, in theory, open to Germans only.

But it is easy for the Americans, understandably tired of their own messes, to "eat" without coupons—as many Germans do, and pay another 50 pfennigs or so for the privilege. Few of the cafes, I was told, enforce the rationing regulations by demanding coupons for meat, fat, and sugar. To kick off by ordering goose is a sure hint to the proprietor that you have money to spend and are ready to spend it.

A more gratifying spectacle is the patching-up and rebuilding that is going quickly ahead all over the city. A year ago I could have driven around blind-folded but today familiar corners then bounded by heaps of debris or marked by a burned-out shell have disappeared, and modest office-blocks or shops and houses have risen. Everywhere second doses of repairs are being administered to damaged dwellings.

One bomb-site near the heart of the city remains undisturbed. It is a well and truly blasted centre section of the great Palace of Justice where Goering was sentenced and where for two years since an American tribunal has heard a dozen other cases.

At the end of the year, this American court (which has tried 180 Nazi diplomats and politicians, industrialists, scientists and bankers, field marshals, generals and S.S. leaders and sent 24 of them to the gallows, 17 to life imprisonment and 64 more to varying terms), will close down.

Perhaps the Nurembergers will set about repairing the courthouse. Their present disinclination is symbolical of the attempt, right from the days of the IMT, to avert their eyes from the drama drawn and re-drawn within that now strangely silent building.

Then they endeavoured to ignore the big trial proceeding in their midst. Today, with so many of their affairs back in their own hands, they give the impression of trying to ignore the presence of the occupation itself.

RELIEF FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES

FROM J. L. HAYS

Three babies died outside my hotel window a few nights ago. They were Arab babies, two boys and a girl. They died of hunger and exposure in the cave-like corridors of the crumbling amphitheatre which the Romans built here about the time Christ was born.

In the clear, wind-washed sunshine next morning they carried down the bodies, bundled in dirty rags, to a waiting cart. Behind them women wailed. A sparse, terse American Air Force colonel who is the United Nations chief observer in Amman watched silently by my side. Since that morning his lunch and half his dinner is carried across to the amphitheatre. He fills up with bananas. "I've got to eat, too," he says apologetically.

The day the babies died residents at the hotel, wealthy "exiled" Palestinian Arab businessmen, French, Belgian, and American United Nations observers, and American and British newspapermen, raised £100 in a few hours to buy clothes for the starving, chilled Arabs huddling on our doorstep against the first icy winter rains.

The latest official estimate is that there are between 600,000 and 650,000 refugees. All have lost their homes, farms, olive groves, and shops. Most of them are absolutely destitute.

The Government of Transjordan alone is doing what it can to aid 320,000 displaced persons. Figures make dry reading, but something of the magnitude of the problem must emerge from the fact that this total represents almost exactly three-quarters of the population of Transjordan. The same proportion in the United Kingdom would mean a refugee army of 34,500,000. The population of Amman, capital of Transjordan, has been exactly doubled.

Syria and the Lebanon, the Holy Land's Northern neighbours, have closed their frontiers to the slow-moving columns of human misery which are now all turning East across the Jordan Valley into Transjordanian territory.

Main concentration area is the billiards table-flat desert of the Jordan Valley, 1,000 feet below sea-level, where the edge is taken off the wind, cold, and rain. Here, with 4,000 tents provided by Britain from Army stocks ("accommodation to scale" shelter for 40,000 people only) a handful of international relief workers led by Bournemouth-born Mr. Joseph MacCabe, field liaison officer for the United Nations disaster relief project, are attempting to organise camps, but

the tentage available is not nearly enough to go round. Arabs have big families, and two families of eight or nine members each are frequently sharing bell tents intended for ten occupants. Hundreds of unlucky families are living in the open.

"Soon", says Mr. MacCabe, "it will be physically impossible for those people to go on living in the open-air." For many children and elderly people it is "soon" already. Every morning a donkey-drawn "death cart" collects bodies from tents and "fox-holes" in the sand. The cemetery beyond the tents extends daily.

Burly Mr. MacCabe, former Indian Army officer, told me: "You can't call these places camps—tents just pitched in open country. There is no money for organisers, equipment, or doctors—or for food, for that matter."

"Tens of thousands of refugees are simply starving. Transjordan provides flour, and the trucks to bring it to the camps. There have been gifts of food from many countries—Britain started off the relief work with a gift of £100,000 in cash and credits—but although the quantities seem big on paper they go nowhere when you divide by hundreds of thousands."

"For example I received and distributed 160 tons of Australian flour—the Arabs' staple food. It sounds a lot, but a rough estimate shows that with a bit of luck every one of my 320,000 refugees might—I say might—have had a half-pound loaf once, only once, since the refugee problem first loomed up before the British Mandate for Palestine was surrendered on May 15 last."

"What we have received so far in food, cash, and relief stores has not touched the fringe of the problem."

What is being done? Britain has offered more help if other nations "fall in" as well—this time cash credits and "kind" to the value of a cool £1,000,000.

Before the social and financial committees of the United Nations right now is a major relief plan involving the expenditure of £7,500,000; but until final decisions are taken in Paris little can be done on the spot.

"It is impossible to hire staff, contract for supplies, set up medical and transport services until money is available," says Mr. MacCabe. "What we want is an immediate grant of funds which will enable us to get on with the job—blueprint planning can wait."

Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations:—
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Programme News

AGAINST MICROBES. 'THE MENACE OF MICROBES,' the third in the BBC's series of feature programmes called 'Research and Discovery,' presents the story of the fight against infectious disease. In writing the script Patrick Impy has been helped by two authorities on the subject, H. P. Gilding, Professor of Physiology, and P. G. H. Gell, Reader in Pathology, University of Birmingham. In all the programmes in this series, the producer, Robin Whitworth, is having the technical advice of Professor S. Zuckerman, F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy at Birmingham University. This week's programme will deal with man's continual struggle against disease. Listeners will hear of the world-wide toll of epidemics, how they spread and how they can be controlled. They will hear too of experiments, discoveries, practical achievements, current research and prospects in the fight against such enemies as malaria, typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis, and the common cold. (General Overseas: Wednesday, 4.30 p.m.)

'THE BUNCH OF GRAPE' THIS WEEK'S short story in the BBC's 'The Storyteller' series is 'The Bunch of Grape,' an Irish story of two small girls, by Mary Lavlin. The author is American by birth, but she visited Ireland as a child and remained there for her education. For her book of short stories 'Tales from Bective Bridge' she received the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. (General Overseas: Wednesday, 10 a.m. and Friday, 5 p.m.)

THE IRISH GUARDS P.M. Tuesday, 4 p.m. THE BAND of the Irish Guards will be heard in the BBC programme 'Scarlet and Blue' this week, accompanied by the Linton Girls' Choir, with Felton Rapley at the organ. The Irish pipers are colourful with their doublets of green, kilts of reddish green, and feathered bonnets. Field-Marshal Lord Alexander is one of the most famous of the distinguished officers who have served in the Irish Guards. (General Overseas: Tuesday, 4 p.m.)

Sunday, February 20

EASTERN SERVICE

10.30 THE REITH LECTURES (9) A talk by Bertrand Russell.

B.B.C. Highlights

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
9.15 'DANCING THROUGH' played by Gerald and his Concert Orchestra.
11.15 ORCHESTRA OF THE THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE—Conductor: Reginald Burton.
P.M.
2.10 'THE RADIO DOCTOR' from Kempston Parish Church, Bedford, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Perry.
6.15 'COCKNEY CABARET' Presented by Monty Modlyn.
8.15 'TAKE IT FROM HERE' Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallis Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes. BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell.
8.45 'SWEET SERENADE' Peter York and his Concert Orchestra with Carol Carr and Steve Conway.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 'CONCERTO' A series of weekly programmes Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, played by Leslie England and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes Wagner's Siegfried Idyll.
11.45 'CHURCHMEN IN PROFILE' A series of biographical talks on leaders of British Church life during the past hundred years William Temple.

Monday, February 21

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME 'Turkey Today' A talk by Arnold J. Toynbee.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
9.30 'TIP-TOP TUNES' Gerald and his Orchestra.
P.M.
12.30 'TOM JONES' Founded upon Fielding's novel. Book by Alex M. Thompson and Robert Courtneidge Music by Edward German with Joan Butler, Edith Lewin, Kathleen Coxon, Frederick Harvey, Clifford Deri, Dudley-Rolph. BBC Midland Light Orchestra, conductor, Gilbert Vinter. Narration written by Elizabeth Braund and spoken by Philip Cunningham.
4.00 'THE SMALL HOUSE AT ALINGTON' by Anthony Trollope. Adapted for broadcasting by H. Oldfield Box Episode 4.
4.30 'HAVE A GO!' The Quiz visits Keswick, a Market Town in the Lake District.
5.00 'WIL SIX' A feature programme written by Hugh K. Evans.
8.15 BANDS WITHIN BANDS The George Chisholm Swing Group from the Squadrone's 'Dance Orchestra'.
8.30 'WOMEN'S PROGRAMME'.
9.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 Eric Barker in 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.
11.15 'CAPRICE' An entertainment with Marie Burke, Bruce Carfax, Lionel Stevens, Don Antonio, and Winifred Taylor.
11.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.

Tuesday, February 22

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
9.30 Naunton Wayne and Basil Bradford in 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME'—Comedy thriller in eight episodes by Max Kester. 2: 'House to Let'.
10.30 'A SLIGHT CASE OF MUSIC'—between Cherry Lind and Benny Lee, accompanied by Alan Paul and Edna Hatzfeld at the piano.
10.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.
11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham in excerpts from the works of Berlioz.

P.M.
12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—from the Kilburn Empire, London, with Frankie Howard 'Flotsam', Bill Kerr, Peggy Desmond, Harry Secombe, Terry, Davy Kaye, and Johnny Denis and his Ranchmen.
2.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
4.00 'SCARLET AND BLUE'—Band of the Irish Guards, Conductor: Major K. H. Willcocks, Linton Girls' Choir, Conductor: Arthur E. Davies, Felton Rapley (organ).
5.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME—Lorna McKean (soprano), The St. Michael's Singers, Thornton Lofthouse (harpsichord), Eric Gritton (organ), and The Riddick String Orchestra, conducted by Harold Darke, in Music from the Cantatas of J. S. Bach.
6.00 AMERICAN LETTER—by Alistair Cooke.
6.15 THE THOMAS CUP—for Badminton. A recorded account of the play between the United States and Malaysia, at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.
9.15 'VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE' BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor Rae Jenkins, with Leon Goossens (oboe) and Ada Alsop (soprano).
9.30 'TERRY, DAVY KAYE, and JOHNNY DENIS' RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.30 'IN MY LIBRARY'—A talk by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.
11.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN—A weekly talk by Vernon Bartlett.

Wednesday, February 23

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 'THE BRAINS TRUST'—Resident Team: Compton Mackenzie, F. C. Hooper, and Dr. C. D. Darlington. Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.
10.00 THE STORYTELLER—'The Bunch of Grape,' a short story by Mary Lavlin, read by Mary O'Farrell.
11.15 'UP THE POLE'—with Jimmy Jewel, Ben Warriss, Claude Dampier, John Perther. The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black.
P.M.
1.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
2.15 'DANCING THROUGH'.
4.00 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.
4.30 'RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY'.
6.00 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes—Mozart's—Piano Concerto No. 23 in A played by Phyllis Sellick and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conducted by Clarence Raybould. Programme also includes Glinski's Waltz Fantasia and Tchaikovsky's Ballet Suite: The Sleeping Beauty.
7.15 REG PURSGLOVE—and the Albany Players.
7.45 GENERALLY SPEAKING—'Famous Men'—Robert Blatchford by J. J. Mallon.
8.45 BILLY MAYERL RHYTHM ENSEMBLE.
9.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Charles Groves.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.45 COLONIAL COMMENTARY—by Professor W. M. McMillan.

Thursday, February 24

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
10.45 COLONIAL COMMENTARY.
11.45 'THIRTY YEARS OF BRITISH JAZZ'—Presented by Hector Stewart.
P.M.
1.00 Low Stone and his Orchestra in 'THE MUSIC BOX'.
4.00 IN-BRITAIN NOW—A National Magazine.

4.30 'TIP-TOP TUNES'.
6.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE—Our Food Supplies: second of two talks by Dunstan Skilbeck.
7.15 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Mansel Thomas.
8.15 CELEBRITY RECITAL—Aulikki Rautawaara (soprano).
8.45 'OUR KIND OF MUSIC'—Sung by Sam Browne and Carole Carr, with Arthur Young and Mary McLeod at the piano.
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 'LET'S MAKE MUSIC'—Billy Ternent and his Orchestra with Eva Benyon, Pat O'Regan, Don Emsley, and the Hedley Ward Trio.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conducted and presented by Sir Adrian Boult.
Symphony No. 5 in D. Vaughan Williams.
Scenes from Job: A. Masque for Dancing. Vaughan Williams.
(dedicated to Sir Adrian Boult).
11.15 'UP THE POLE'.
11.45 SPECIAL DISPATCH.

Friday, February 25

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
10.00 'MEET THE COMMONWEALTH'.
10.30 TURNER LAYTON.
11.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte Cyril Preedy (piano).
Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor Brahms.
P.M.
2.15 'MUSIC FOR DANCING'—Victor Silver and his Ballroom Orchestra.

Keep this page for use during the week.

4.00 'BBC CLOSE-UP'—Behind the Scenes in the Outside Broadcast Department.
5.00 THE STORYTELLER.
5.15 STAR VARIETY—with The Men About Town and Anne Shelton.
5.30 CELEBRITY RECITAL George Thalben-Ball (Australian organist).
Sonata on the 94th Psalm. Reubke.
6.00 PLEASURE FROM BOOKS—A talk by James Langham on H. G. Wells, illustrated by readings.
7.30 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME'—Music and the 'Nineties' illustrated talk by Constant Lambert.
8.45 WORK AND WORSHIP—A programme for workers in the Mission Field. Mary Trevelyan introduces an African student from the Gold Coast, who talks about his experiences since he came to Britain, and the Rev. Kenneth Thorneycroft conducts a short act of worship.
9.15 Sydney Lipton and his Orchestra in 'THE MUSIC BOX'.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.45 WORLD AFFAIRS—A survey by A. P. Ryan.

Saturday, February 26

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
9.30 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.
10.00 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.
P.M.
1.45 NATAL v. M.C.C.—An eye-witness account.
4.30 'UP THE POLE'.
5.00 'LET'S MAKE MUSIC'.
5.45 LINDA PARKER—(Australian soprano).
5.30 'MASTERS OF DESIGN'—Haydn and Mozart. An illustrated talk by Leslie Orrey.
8.45 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE THEATRE ORGAN.
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 THE MAJESTIC ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Lou Whitson Alfred Merlino (piano).
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 SATURDAY SPORT—including commentaries on Association Football: Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup; Rugby Union; Scotland v. Ireland. (Music included during this period).

All Times Are H.K. Standard Time

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

By JOHN ASHWIN

British films with all-British casts are booming again in America. Through the "Window" as it opens on New York this week, can be heard a wave of applause that may well mark the end of the present-day slump in Britain's film industry.

The applause is that of millions of Americans now queuing up to four hours to see films that were "hits" in this country during the war. "In the last six weeks," writes correspondent Geoffrey Barker, "a revolution has been born which will earn millions more dollars for British films."

Of six British pictures shown in New York recently, all were as British as possible, made no concessions at all to American audiences, were in ordinary black-and-white—and had only one American star between them.

What British critics have urged for years is becoming a reality. American audiences, tiring of variety, glitter and technicolour, want films that have quality and feasibility, rather than quantity. "Star" names, and too slight a story. At present, say observers in America, they can only get these films from Britain.

As a result, the order is going out to near-slump studios in Britain—"shoot British and re-lease as many old British films as possible, even if they date from pre-war days."

There is news of a slump in air traffic—on Dutch air lines.

Because of the Indonesian situation, passenger flights on the Amsterdam-Batavia, and New York-Batavia routes, have been stopped. Passengers flying to Asia are now using American airlines where once they went by Dutch planes. As a result, Holland's largest airline, Royal Dutch Airlines, has had to make good the loss of money—by reducing staff.

Reporting this from Amsterdam, correspondent Max Peters explains that the problem worrying the airline now is not so much what they will have to do today to economise, but whether they will ever get back the custom they have lost.

The directors believe they will. The pilots of the planes on the routes affected are not so sure. They say that the American air-lines even beat Dutch "luxury" in the many extras they offer during the flight. Because of this they believe that one-time "Dutch" passengers may decide to continue to "fly American" in future.

In Mexico City officials report that accidents on Mexico's nationalised railways are becoming so frequent that the public are refusing to travel by rail.

Nationalisation in Mexico, has had the worst possible effect on the railways. Once they were "poor" and money had to be saved by using old rolling stock and track. Now they are in a state of complete bankruptcy and chaos.

In the last few weeks, writes correspondent Cecil Clark, there have been five major accidents—two of them involving the crack Mexico-City to St. Louis express. At first the authorities believed they were—just accidents. Now, however, they suspect Communist elements of the Railway Union.

As a result of these suspicions, the Government is going carefully over the circumstances surrounding all five accidents. So far they have decided that in two cases at least it was sabotage.

Nevertheless their discoveries and plans to take "special precautions" in future have done little to stop the slumping popularity of Mexico's "chaotic" railways. Trains are still running hours late, coaches and track are still dilapidated, and the Mexican public is still choosing to travel by road.

New Books

Bernadotte's Missions For Peace

First published in Sweden two days before the author's death, *INSTEAD OF ARMS*, by Count Bernadotte, describes the tireless efforts of this great humanitarian to alleviate the suffering caused by war.

Elected vice-president of the Swedish Red Cross in the spring of 1943, Count Bernadotte accepted this office with "much gratitude, pleasure and enthusiasm." He worked, during the war, towards better conditions in prisoner of war camps and mediated between belligerent nations for the exchange of P.O.W.'s and medical personnel. He played an important part in the "fall of the curtain" by accepting the offer of capitulation from Heinrich Himmler.

Though he hated the cruel dictatorship of Nazism, he writes: "I cannot help having a deep sympathy for Germany's unhappy people. They have been found wanting. They have allowed themselves to be led by ruthless scoundrels. They must drain the cup of suffering. But as the representative of an organisation with the humanitarian spirit of the Red Cross, I must urge that afterwards they be helped and led in other paths, not with hatred and brutality, by those who understand that love for humanity is the strongest of all forces for good. Then and only then, can we hope to see the downfall of the Third Reich followed by a happier scheme of things for a cruelly tried humanity."

But this book, despite its momentous importance historically, is not without an occasional stroke of humour. Recalling a meeting with Field-Marshal Montgomery, Count Bernadotte relates an anecdote from the time of the offensive in Italy: "When he was driving one day on an Italian road, the Field-Marshal wanted to pass a military truck which, in spite of his continued honking, did not move over. Finally Montgomery's driver succeeded in squeezing by the truck and as the English general passed, the truck driver raised himself and saluted with a deep bow, at the same time taking off the top hat he was wearing. Montgomery, who clearly saw the humour of the situation, felt obliged to issue an order prohibiting British Army personnel to wear top hats with their uniforms."

Post-War Problems

Post-war problems in Greece, and Turkey are dealt with in detail, and the book ends with a Postscript which begins: "I had just finished the last chapters of this book when, one day at the end of May, I received a telegram from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, inquiring if I would be willing to undertake the mission of acting as United Nations mediator in the Palestine conflict." All of us know very well the tragic end that met this great man while he was engaged on this humane but difficult task.

General Knowledge Answers

1. A foreign Ambassador.
2. At Moscow in 1943 by a conference of Foreign Ministers of the Allied nations.
3. Two in the British Museum, one in Salisbury Cathedral and one in Lincoln Cathedral.
4. On April 18, 1946.
5. The Cunard-White Star liner Queen Mary, three days, 20 hours, 42 minutes.
6. Kingston upon Hull.
7. A poll-tax called in Sweden a nose-tax; it was a penny per nose, or poll.

The story of *SONS OF NOAH*, by Negley Farson, is drawn from the old oyster community of Mollusc, New Jersey, and the period is 1922 to 1939.

When Richard Wainwright Fenner, a free-lance journalist, is asked by a friend to collect a 30 foot cabin-cruiser and take it 120 miles from Cape May to Sandy Hook, he little anticipated that "it was not just an accident, but part of a sequence, like the House that Jack Built, that led me to snap at the invitation that led to the break-down that led to my meeting Anna Regan and Greer, and to all that happened as a consequence. These things, too, now that I look back at them have a curious inevitability. But as to which of us had the right idea about life—Greer, Anna or I—that will have to be, as Greer said of his own life: 'A thing which nobody can say is this or that...until it is over'."

Yes, Fenner takes the cruiser and is forced into the mouth of Mollusc's Harris, River. A badly burned foot compels him to go ashore for a doctor and from that point the inevitability sweeps on, reshaping his life.

Negley Farson, author of *WAY OF A TRANSGRESSOR* uses his tremendous powers of description to draw a living picture of this little American oyster town but the real strength of the story is in the interweaving of the lives of Fenner, Anna Regan and Dr. Greer.

In her new historical novel, *BLACK CRUSADE*, Mary Mitchell presents a new aspect of Henry Stanley's search for Dr. Livingstone in Africa. It is told as the story of John Kirk and describes the clash of temperament when he meets the famous American Journalist.

As a novel of excitement and adventure, *BLACK CRUSADE* can be well recommended, but as an absorbing addition to the story of Dr. Livingstone, and a certain stimulant to further reading, this new novel is a real contribution to historical fiction and a wonderful opportunity at 8/6.

Another tough and gripping tale from the author of *NO ORCHIDS FOR MISS BLANDISH IS YOU NEVER KNOW WIFE WOMEN*, by James Hadley Chase, Jarrolds, 9/6, 208 pp.

When Veda Rux, a strip-tease artiste, performs at a dinner party given by millionaire Lindsay Brett, she regards it as just another professional engagement arranged by her agent, Cornelius Gorman. But during the evening Brett shows his guests a priceless Collini dagger recently acquired, and Veda Rux walks in her sleep that night, takes the dagger and puts her compact in its place, only discovering what she has done when it is too late for the dagger to be replaced. The story is told to Floyd Jackson when he is offered \$1,000 by Gorman to replace the dagger and to collect the compact. He takes on the job and if it hadn't been for falling in love with Veda he would never have stopped regretting it.

This is a story of violent passions, greed, fear, vice and murder; a terrific pace is reached, and maintained all through so if you like a thriller that bubbles with action and excitement, make a note of the details now.

FACTS OF LIFE

DOUGLAS KAY

interviews a school-mistress who has taught them for years without protest from any parent

ALL over Britain parents and educationists are today discussing the knotty problem of how to teach a child the facts of life.

In Maltby, Yorkshire, it has caused a battle-royal between parents and teachers, and recently London's progressive L.C.C. Education Committee spent all afternoon thrashing out the problem.

Meanwhile, down in peaceful Maidenhead, the gentle and soft-voiced Miss K. Phillips, nature-study and biology teacher at the town's County Secondary School, is quietly continuing her Facts-of-Life instruction without any opposition from parents or adverse reactions from pupils.

Four Principles

SHE has now given this instruction for more years than she likes to remember—first experimentally, gently feeling for the best way to give this vital information to the ultra-sensitive child mind.

Today, with the experimental stage over, she hands on this knowledge to 100, 13-year-old boys and girls every year—and all the parents ever say is "Thank you, Miss Phillips."

How does she do it? She works on four main principles:

1. Never use the word "sex," this having become sordid through ill-usage.
2. Let this instruction fall naturally into a long course in biology. Never let it become an "extra-special lesson."
3. Tell the child everything that is normal about human reproduction, including how fertilisation takes place. Answer all normal questions.
4. Stress the wonder of it all, pointing out that behind it lies the masterhand of the Great Creator. Teach that the right use of this power of reproduction brings great happiness, and its misuse nothing but misery.

Miss Phillips starts by giving her 11-year-olds a course in nature study entitled "Plants, Animals, and Ourselves."

This course is planned to pave the way for her vital third-year course. It includes simple lessons on respiration, circulation, and pollination, comparing and contrasting the various functions of the human and animal body with that of familiar plants.

During their third year her pupils, now mostly 13-year-olds, reach the age when Miss Phillips feels they can grasp all the essential facts about human reproduction, including those intimate ones which parents so often find they cannot explain to their own children.

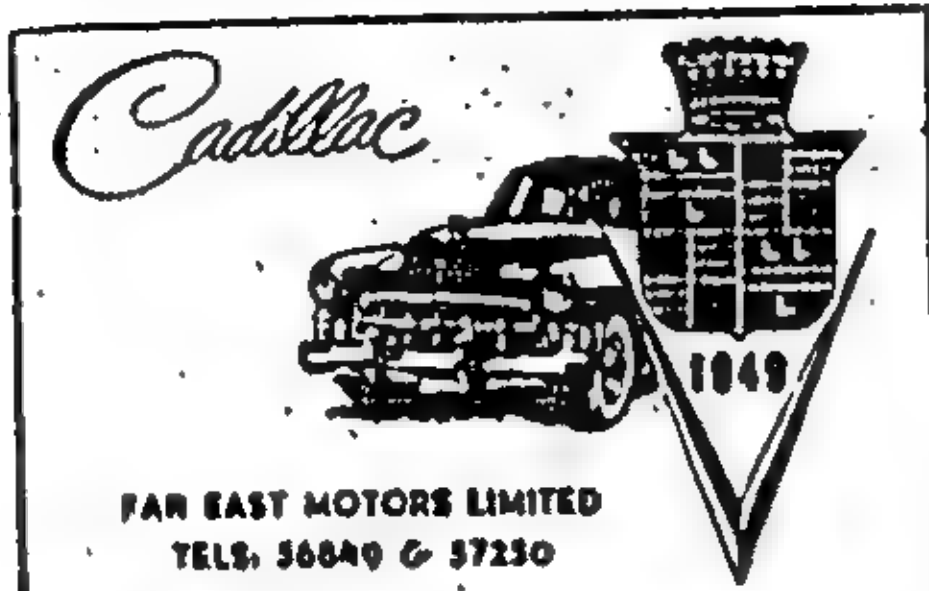
Parents Asked

SHE never gives homework on this study, believing that, having embarked on it, she must guide her pupils right through it. She also holds "nature afternoons" for parents, to show them, again in a natural way, what she is teaching her children.

She will, perhaps, hold an exhibition in which her pupils will show their parents all they have learnt about frog-life, including how frogs reproduce their species.

Parents are continually thanking her for having relieved them of a duty they shunned tackling. Miss Phillips is naturally gratified. She has given years of thought to this subject. But always she is ready to say: "It's really Mother's job."

Her greatest hope is that she is helping to raise a generation of parents who will be able to tell their own children the full facts of life in the same simple way they have learnt them from her.



Lane Norcott

Through a Plastic Cup Darkly

Reading about the latest edible mystery to emerge from that vast refuse bin, the Ministry of Food, we suddenly realised what is the standard of food nowadays. If it is to be allowed any merit at all—which is doubtful—then it must taste of something else.

(For this new tinned enigma it is claimed by those who have sampled it professionally that it vaguely resembles lobster; has a faint flavour of crayfish; is a cross between salmon and sardine; and—which we take leave to doubt—is too good for the cat. Our own guess, made from afar, is that it is neither more nor less than tinned vulture, and, in common with all food today, tastes exactly like stewed flannel).

It may be asked, Elinor, what the citizen of the future will look like if England is to remain permanently a country fed on unrecognisable tinned and frosted beasties—a depressed area from which everything real is promptly exported to pay for everything makeshift, false, plastic, shoddy, and regrettable.

In our mind's eye we see a stunted, tasteless little person costing the State a large sum annually to maintain in frail health, sitting in his local Nutrient Centre (a cross between a reformatory and public baths), eating his dreary National Manna (tasting faintly of minced boots), and drinking his horrid Permitted Beverage (tasting strongly of diluted cabbage water), and wondering what on earth Shakespeare meant when he wrote: "When once our grace we have forgot, nothing goes right."

On careful consideration we find that we have nothing to add to above, except perhaps to repeat those wise words of the Red Queen: "Faster! Faster!"

Diagnosis

"Police were called, and Miss — was found semi-conscious near her wireless set."—News Item.
"Women's Hour"?

Scoop

We are proud to announce that Miss Fanny Glad, the only society gossip writer to be on nodding terms with the editor of the Daily Herald, has temporarily joined our staff before taking up a lucrative post as a public relations officer in a fashionable Ministry.

Miss Glad, in a brilliant first contribution, writes:

Dropping into one of the more crowded milk bars in Oxford-street yesterday, I saw Maudie Binns, who types for Fulth Ltd., the well-known City ironmongers, partaking of liquid refreshment.

Maudie tells me that her engagement to Ernie Cripps, who is in the liners at Gubbages, is now definitely off, she having found herself a classier beau. Maudie didn't seem to know her new intended's second name, but she intimated that he earns good money in a large garage out Cricklewood way. They plan to go to the pictures together next Sunday.

Among other regulars who were pushing their weight at the bar I recognised Fanny Mouse (in spite of her new hat from modern Modes' bargain basement) and Hilda Snugg (both of Muggoridge and Wells Ltd., the cash chemists), who were being treated to strawberry-flavoured shakes by Charlie Nogdutt, the dressy young manager of Wimble's Wireless Emporium, Kentish Town.

Everybody seemed to be bearing up well, in spite of the cigarette shortage and the service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1949.

Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. A well-known Band has arrived in the Colony and will give a series of concerts. Is the band Services or civilian and, if the former, what branch of the Services does it belong to?
2. There was a surprise development during the week in the negotiations for an Atlantic pact. Which country caused the surprise, and what was it?
3. The Foreign Ministers of two countries have been in London during the past week for important talks with Mr. Ernest Bevin, our Foreign Secretary. Who were they?
4. A unit of the British Army stationed in Hong Kong carried out the ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour last week. What unit was it?
5. Which Colonial Governor is now in London "for consultations" with the Secretary of State in connection with a Legislative Council speech which caused a furor?
6. A certain country held a sitting of its Parliament for the first time in 2,000 years last week. Which country was it?
7. The recall of a diplomat was requested last week. Who was he and who requested his recall?

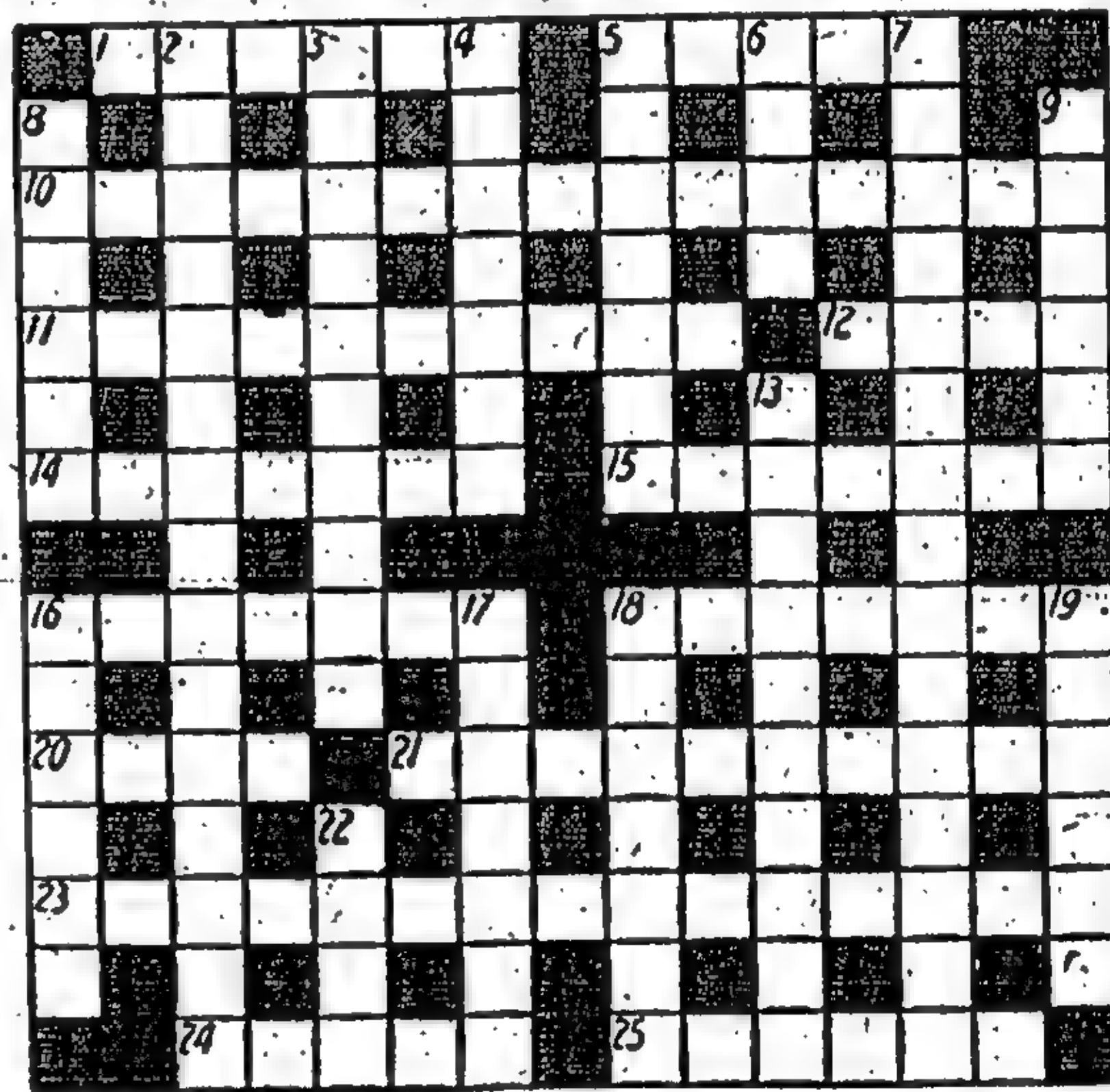
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Who comes first in the order of precedence in Britain, a foreign Ambassador or the Archbishop of Canterbury?
2. Where, when and by whom were the foundations of the United Nations officially laid?
3. There are four copies of Magna Carta in existence, with the great seal of King John attached. Where are they kept?
4. The League of Nations is now defunct. When did its last session close?
5. You have often heard of the Blue Riband of the Atlantic—the much-coveted honour of the fastest trans-Atlantic crossing by a ship. What ship holds the Blue Riband?
6. The city of Hull, in Yorkshire, is well known as a port and also for its Soccer team. But 'Hull' is not its correct name. What is its official designation?
7. You know well, probably too well, the saying "paying through the nose." In fact, if you're looking for a flat, that is what you will have to do to get one. What is the origin of the saying?

(Answers on Page 11)

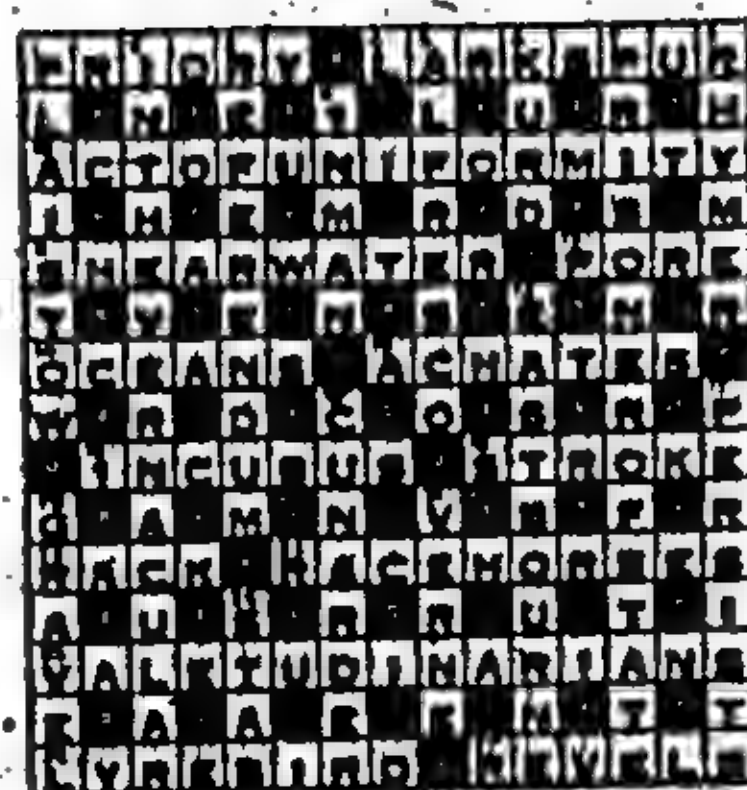
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Across

- 1 Morning customs? (6)
- 6 Strangely enough, toast may be. (5)
- 10 Not an angle of safety for a going concern. (9, 6)
- 11 Is it a fast kind of courtship? (7, 3)
- 12 Thus forward presently. (4)
- 14 Bombarded or expoded. (7)
- 15 Letter read in Church. (7)
- 16 Sea saw, as it were. (7)
- 18 It will weaken. (7)
- 20 Obviously a strong grade in the film world. (4)

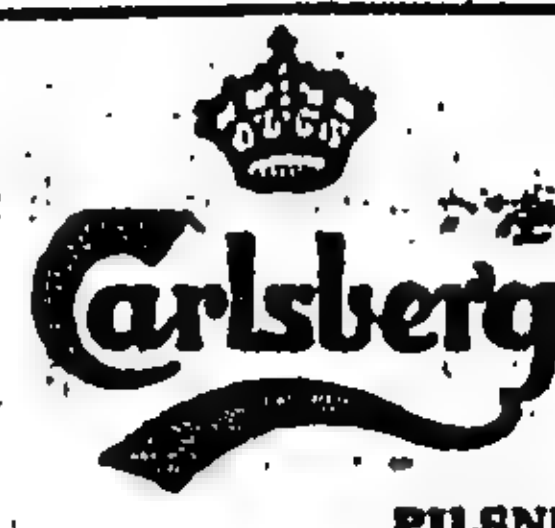
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- 21 Has an interest in conversion schemes. (10)
- 23 Is this juggler a quick calculator? (15)
- 24 Said to be most uncommon when common. (5)
- 25 Another kind of 15. (6)

Down

- 2 Not necessarily Sappers, of course. (6, 9)
- 3 The plate is icy for so distinctive a product. (10)
- 4 Cadged or cleaned. (7)
- 5 The tide's up, for a change of argument. (7)
- 6 Some folk must think it worshipful. (4)
- 7 Will not tolerate the elevation of rascals. (4, 2, 3, 6)
- 8 How one regards one's 6. (6)
- 9 One-time Dean appears to have become a Roman Catholic. (6)
- 13 Has a habit of hoarding his wares. (4-6)
- 16 Puts on edge. (6)
- 17 How things may be less becoming. (7)
- 18 Draughty things to make, as it were. (7)
- 19 Not an air for a pipe, quite the contrary. (6)
- 22 It is senseless, of course, to treat anyone so. (4)



BRIDGE

A comprehensive view of bidding is obtained by dividing it into three zones: 1. part-score bids at the levels of one and two, 2. game-zone bids at the levels of three, four and sometimes five, and 3. slam-zone bids at the levels of five and more.

A player should succeed in nearly 70 per cent of his part-score contracts and in just over 60 per cent of his game-zone contracts and in 50 per cent of his slam-zone contracts.

It is in game-zone bidding (at the intermediate levels) that the difference between players is most marked. Costly overbidding is more usual in this zone. At a recent congress a new partnership played in four 'balra' competitions with the following results: first session bottom place but one, second session fifth place, third session second place, fourth session first place. The remarkable improvement was due to an overhaul of the partnership calling in the intermediate levels and to the suppression of overbidding. The urge to convert a bid of three in a major suit into a game bid (on inadequate values) was overcome. In borderline situations of competitive bidding the urge to bid riskily rather than pass was also overcome.

At the level of three, bidding is already much more dangerous. In almost every rubber the following typical situation arises: East, dealer, Pass, South Pass, West Pass, North One Heart, East Pass, South Two Clubs, West Two Spades. North holds:

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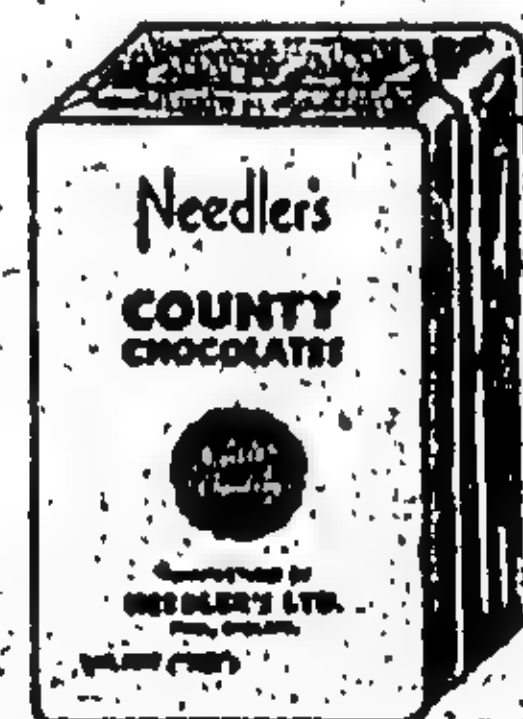
He cannot now bid at a lower level than three, the dangerous level. If he bids Three Hearts, he is down one (vulnerable); if he passes, West is down two (not vulnerable). The swing is 200 points. How many would refrain from rebidding Hearts because of the now dangerous level?

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

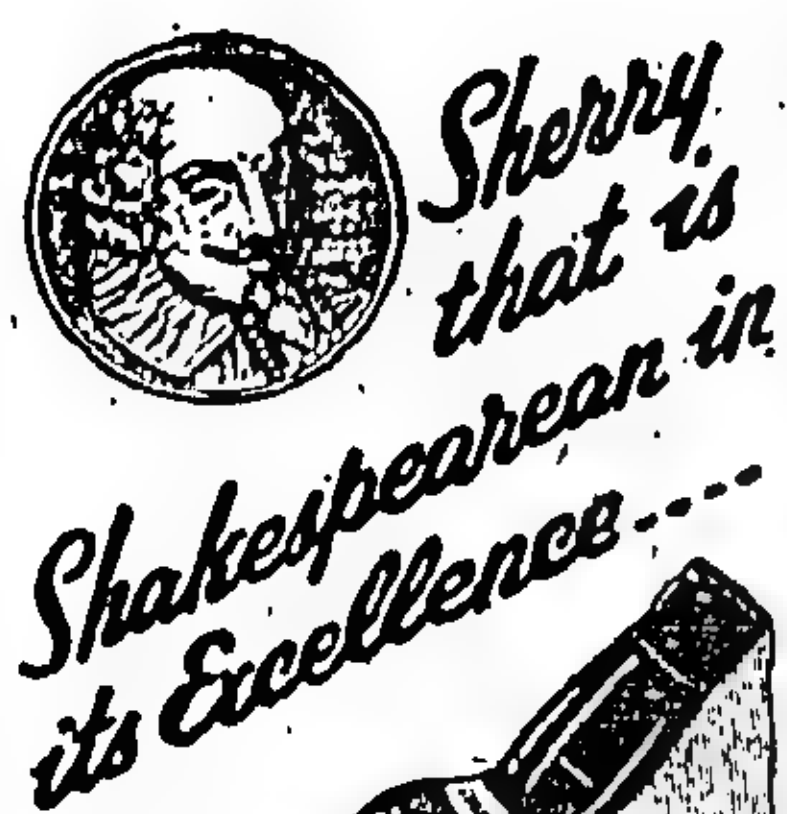
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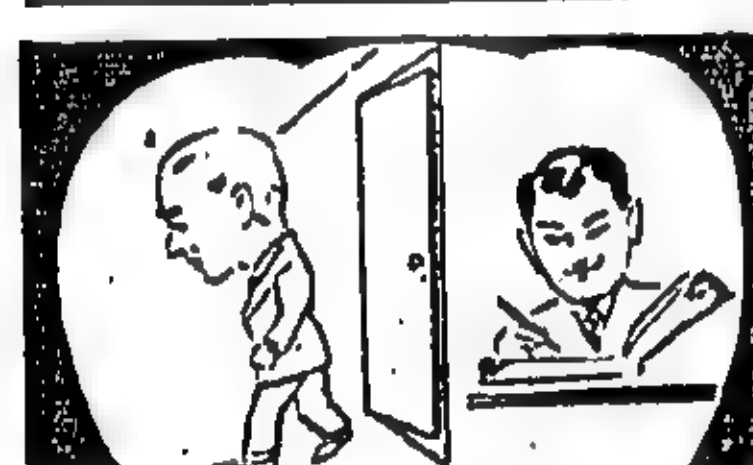
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JEWISH DREAM U.N. HEADACHE

There is a Jewish dream of a five-mile-long stretch of pot-holed road, sand tossing across it like surf over a beach. Its verges strewed with Arab Legion mines, is the inspiration. A dream of a thriving Jewish industrial community in Southern Palestine of oil refineries, and copper mines, looming over the desert, surrounded by workers' suburbs set amid parks and shining concrete public buildings; of ruler straight wide highways, noisy with the traffic of trucks piled high with chrome, magnetism, and sulphur of a thriving workshop of the Middle East absorbing the labour of thousands upon thousands of Jewish immigrants from Europe.

A dream which is imperilling the peace of the Mediterranean Basin. This dream may become a reality if the self-proclaimed State of Israel wins the force of arms or is awarded by the United Nations the sparsely wooded sandy wilderness known as the Negev. The Southern frontier of which is a five-mile-long stretch of shell-battered beach, running down to the blue waters of the Gulf of Akaba, and running south to the Red Sea.

Rich in Hidden Wealth

Raw materials are available. The Negev is rich in hidden wealth. Under the sand dunes and rocky scrub-covered dunes up water courses is oil, copper, and a whole range of minerals which could support a chemical industry serving aviation, agriculture, and light manufacturing. Control of the Negev also means control of the fantastic mineral resources of the Red Sea, in the sluggish waters of which are dissolved 40,000,000 tons of potash, bromide salts and phosphates.

Experts say that the entire world could be supplied with potash from the Dead Sea area for "thousands of years." Labour is available, too. By the end of 1949 the Israeli Government hopes to rule over a population of over a million—an increase of 400,000 over the Jewish population under the British mandate terminated last year.

By J.L. HAYS

Immigrants are pouring into Israel from European D.P. camps at the rate of 30,000 monthly. All that is not there yet—only a stretch of beach and the road around the head of the Gulf of Akaba and the dock facilities it offers.

Access to Sea

And access to the Red Sea the Jews must have. Ports on the Mediterranean they already have in plenty. But between the Mediterranean and their potential markets in South Africa, India, the Far East, and the Pacific is the Egyptian-dominated Suez Canal.

Hung transit fees and Egyptian enmity for generations perhaps stand between them and realization of their dream. If shipping under the blue-and-white striped flag of Israel has to push West the whole length of the Mediterranean, and then around Africa, the dream dims in the brighter light of financial and marketing realities. Summed up, possession of the Palestinian slice of the Akaba shore offers the Jews an opportunity of self-supporting industrial economy, and the opportunity of breaking away from the "dollar serfdom" of an almost entirely agricultural community.

In fact, whether there is going to be an Israel at all may depend on an Akaba bypass to the Suez Canal. It is an opportunity the Jews do not intend to relinquish easily. But the road around the Gulf of Akaba also runs through Egyptian and Transjordanian territory, and the Palestinian stretch is between two Arab shares.

Overland Communication

If the Jews move down to the sea they cut the road between Egypt and Transjordan. They do more, they cut Britain from the only overland communication line between our Army and P.A.F. airfields in Transjordan and Iraq.

From under the palm trees on Palestinian soil Jewish gunners could cover every inch of the billiard-table flat desert R.A.F. airfield on Transjordan soil.

In this situation is the core of the present Anglo-Jewish tension in the Middle East. It is to this Transjordanian village that we have now sent a garrison.

But this does not solve the problem of having the Israeli Army as our "nearest neighbours"—only a frontier line width away—and astride the road to the Suez. Meanwhile the Jews, already further North, have again defied the world by using a military fait accompli to gain control of wide areas of the Negev.

At any moment the Jews may try to repeat the performance further South. In which case an Anglo-Jewish clash would seem inevitable. The final stay in this course lies with the United Nations.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON EGYPT

By R. C. NOBLE

The Prime Minister of Egypt, Ibrahim Abdul Haki Pasha, was standing at the window of his study looking out on Cairo's deceptively quiet streets, where, a few days before, his predecessor, Nokrashy Pasha, had fallen to an assassin's gun.

He turned from the window according to my informant, and said to his valet, Russell Pasha, former British Chief of Egyptian Police: "His death would never have happened if you had still been head of the police. I wish you were back."

The Prime Minister's comment goes to the heart of the Egyptian problem. If only the British could have stayed—but the latest half-century of Egypt's politics had made it impossible for them to stay.

Bitterness

Today the British military forces who guard the Suez Canal are cooped up in a narrow strip of desert along the canal's bank. They are there under the terms of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty; they are also there without Egyptian goodwill.

Between Britain and Egypt stands all the bitterness of a treaty which they have failed to revise. The negotiations, designed to bring a new spirit of "equal partnership" into the treaty, broke down because the Egyptian leaders dared not compromise on their country's two "irreducible" demands—complete evacuation of British troops and the union of Sudan and Egypt under the latter's crown.

By the time the talks were broken off, it mattered little whether the demands were reasonable or not.

Months of premature revelation of accurate and inaccurate news of the negotiations in the Cairo Press had raised popular feeling to a pitch which the Egyptian delegation, despite strong police action against scattered demonstrations, found it impossible to ignore. Patient bargaining in such an atmosphere was no longer feasible.

Since then the unriveted treaty has remained the constant "thumb" of Egyptian politics. Whatever problem comes up in the Cairo Parliament, its discussion works round sooner or later to its connection, real or fancied, with Anglo-Egyptian relations.

Only the excitement of the Palestine war has succeeded in distracting attention from the

treaty, and then, only temporarily. Underneath, the surface discontent continues to seethe.

When a young man deserts his university studies and taken to agitating in the streets or carrying a gun in 1949, he explains his "patriotism" as action against "those who have surrendered to the Sudan to Britain and Palestine to the Jews."

Both Egypt and Britain need a new treaty which will express and cement friendly co-operation between them. Until it is made, Britain can continue to fulfil her minimum defence requirements in the Near East from her tiny base on the Canal. To that extent, the treaty is less urgent for her.

Far to Go

Nevertheless, if Mr. Benin's Middle East policy as announced in the House of Commons recently is to have any lasting success, its key-stone must be a firm understanding between Britain and Egypt.

His agreement with the United States on Palestine is only a first step. He still has a long road to travel till he realises his ambition of a stable, secure Middle East.

The most important stages on that route is an Anglo-Egyptian understanding.

For Egypt the new treaty is an essential precondition of its salvation. Its responsible leaders are aware of this. They know that, without external economic and technical aid, their country cannot solve its pressing problems.

They prefer such aid from Britain, on the principle, to put it no higher, of "Better the devil you know." They also know that, without such aid in the near future, Egypt is slipping dangerously near the abyss of revolution.

A menacing sign of the times is the rise of the Moslem Brotherhood, with its appeal to youth for violent action.

After several years of living among and talking to Egyptian students, I am not among those who write off these boys as "blood-thirsty hoodlums who prefer burning tram-cars to working at their books."

The student is a rebel because he is growing up in a world without hope. At the end of his studies he sees unemployment or,

at best, a dead-end job at £6 to £10 a month in a country when the ordinary amenities of a civilised life are expensive.

In his disgust at this situation he falls an easy victim to such movements as the Moslem Brotherhood which, like Hitler's Brown Shirts, is building up an army of hungry "slogan" drunk fanatics, and which has grown to be a Frankenstein monster in Egyptian political life.

Underpaid

At appropriate moments the student is led into the streets to battle with another class of victims of modern Egypt—the underpaid peasant policeman, struggling to live on £6 a month. Neither side gets anything out of the struggle.

So long as Egyptian politics continue to be influenced by the men who preach anti-foreign feeling as the gaudiest of Arab illusions, progress to a new Anglo-Egyptian relationship is impossible.

It is to be hoped that the fiasco of the Palestine war will result in a more realistic mood, in Cairo, and that the inability of Arab forces to beat the Jews will cause the Egyptians to ask themselves what will happen if they have to face a stronger enemy without Western Allies.

Once that question is asked, there is hope that a new basis for friendly relations between the countries promised by the British decision to withdraw her forces two years ago will be found.

Then, and only then, Egypt can turn her attention to her real problems—the graft in public life, the irresponsibility of her politicians and the rehabilitation of what should be the backbone of sound administration—her police force.

Greece's Civil War Reaches Critical Stage

By Keith Butler

Most experts here—Greek, British and American—believe that the Greek guerrilla war is in its most critical stage since the Greek Communist attempt to seize power in the revolution of December, 1944.

Last year saw a series of victories by the Greek Army—at Komtisa, in Roumeli, Grammos, Mourgana, Souli, Vitsi, Greek politicians and even some American circles prophesied the imminent end of the guerrilla war. But the Greek Army's hard and well fought victories, won at the cost of heavy casualties, did not eliminate the enemy and did not end the guerrilla war which is eating away the country's moral, material and manpower resources like a cancer.

Each time as the Greek Army's pincers were about to close on the main bulk of Markos' forces, the guerrillas slipped out of the closing trap over the Northern frontiers into one of Greece's Russian satellite neighbour States, where the Greek Army could not follow. Or they just melted away in the labyrinth of Greek mountains. But always they escaped and lived to fight another day.

Since the recognised start of the guerrilla war in September, 1944, until last December, the number of guerrillas estimated killed (without counting those wounded, captured or surrendered to the Greek Army) is reckoned by the Greek General Staff at about 35,000. Official Greek Army casualties for the same period in officers and men are 8,150 killed, 13,486 wounded. Mines, sown by the guerrillas in thousands, took a heavy toll of these.

Organised System

The present first line fighting strength of the guerrillas is reckoned at about 23,000. If you include all the auxiliary organisations, helping the guerrillas with information, arms, supplies, shelter, money and recruits—all on an organised system, and most of it probably through terrorism and fear of reprisal—the total strength of the guerrillas is reckoned by the Greek General Staff at about 70,000—100,000. The American Military Mission puts it at nearer 150,000.

Against this the Greek Army at present musters 127,000 total, including the National Guard trained and armed only for garrison duties. But the Greek Army's offensive fighting strength is a fraction of this, when you subtract the supply and maintenance formations, the staff elements and other non-fighting sections.

In a modern army, organised like the Greek one on British and American lines, the proportion of first line troops to auxiliary services is reckoned usually at about 40%. And in this unusual type of warfare even more troops are taken from the first line fighting strength through the necessity of guarding communications, bridges, roads and railways, public utilities, water supplies, power stations, etc., from guerrilla sabotage attempts.

Even the peasants need protection while working in the fields to bring food to the town populations, for they are subject to guerrilla press gangs, recruiting by force. And every village, small and large town needs its garrison to protect it against lightening guerrilla raids accompanied by destruction, looting and forcible recruiting of men and women aged from 14 to 40.

Other Jobs Than Fighting

The Army has many more jobs than finding, pinning down and destroying Markos' guerrilla divisions in the mountains. And just think how many policemen are needed to catch one thief in normal life. Many people here are wondering whether it was a very practical

idea of the American Aid Mission to try to reconstruct the war-damaged country while the guerrilla war was yet unfinished. The Gorgopotamos bridge has been rebuilt, but guerrilla activity in its area makes it impossible yet to run trains over it, while two companies of troops are occupied in guarding it from sabotage. The most fertile agricultural areas of Greece are only partly usable through guerrilla terrorism and raids: there are some 700,000 refugees, fleeing from the guerrillas threat to life and property, in a nation of 7½ millions.

Last year guerrilla tactics were mainly to hit and run in small groups, to terrorise the country, to disrupt communications, to destroy and agricultural production. Only occasionally small towns and villages were attacked in force. A few major battles took place when the Greek Army attacked Markos' Northern mountain lairs.

But since 1949 began it is apparent that the guerrillas are terrorising by a new method. Already they have launched repeated attacks against key industrial and agricultural towns in Northern and central Greece. Karditsa, Naoussa, Edessa and Karpenisi have been attacked by guerrilla forces numbering between three and four thousand each time. They succeeded in overpowering the garrisons in each case and in entering these towns, where they massacred, looted, destroyed all public buildings and factories, and forcibly abducted men, women, boys and girls. From Naoussa some 630 civilians were abducted by force, aged between 13 and 30. The rest of the terror-stricken population has been rendered worthless by the destruction of all the town's industries.

Fully Occupied

These big attacks have taken place while the Greek 1st Army Corps is fully occupied cleaning up the 4,000 guerrillas in the Peloponnese in Southern Greece. The Greek Army just has not enough men at the same time to keep large enough garrisons in all the key centres to protect the town populations from such attacks as these.

The objectives of the Communist guerrillas, directed and supplied from the Russian satellite States along Greece's Northern borders and under the strategic orders of the Comintern and the Kremlin, are to destroy Greece's life as well as the agricultural backbone of the country; to dislocate all normal civil life; to destroy all public buildings and utilities; to destroy all industrial plants; to render the population unemployed, destitute and a burden on the bankrupt State; to demoralise the populations of the towns and the refugees from the country who have fled to them for safety; to execute all government officials, professional men, industrialists and leaders of society; and to increase their strength by forcible recruitment from the town populations.

Unless the Greek Government and the Army can defend the Greek town populations against this dire threat there is serious danger yet of Greece collapsing before Markos' armed minority and being swept behind the Iron Curtain this year.

The Greek Government and General Staff claim it is a question of man-power primarily. The Army simply has not got enough men to chase and destroy the guerrillas at the same time as defending the civil population throughout Greece from these terrible raids. They say: "We can only provide the men. Give us the arms and the means for them to fight the Communist threat. But give us enough to finish the job before it is too late."

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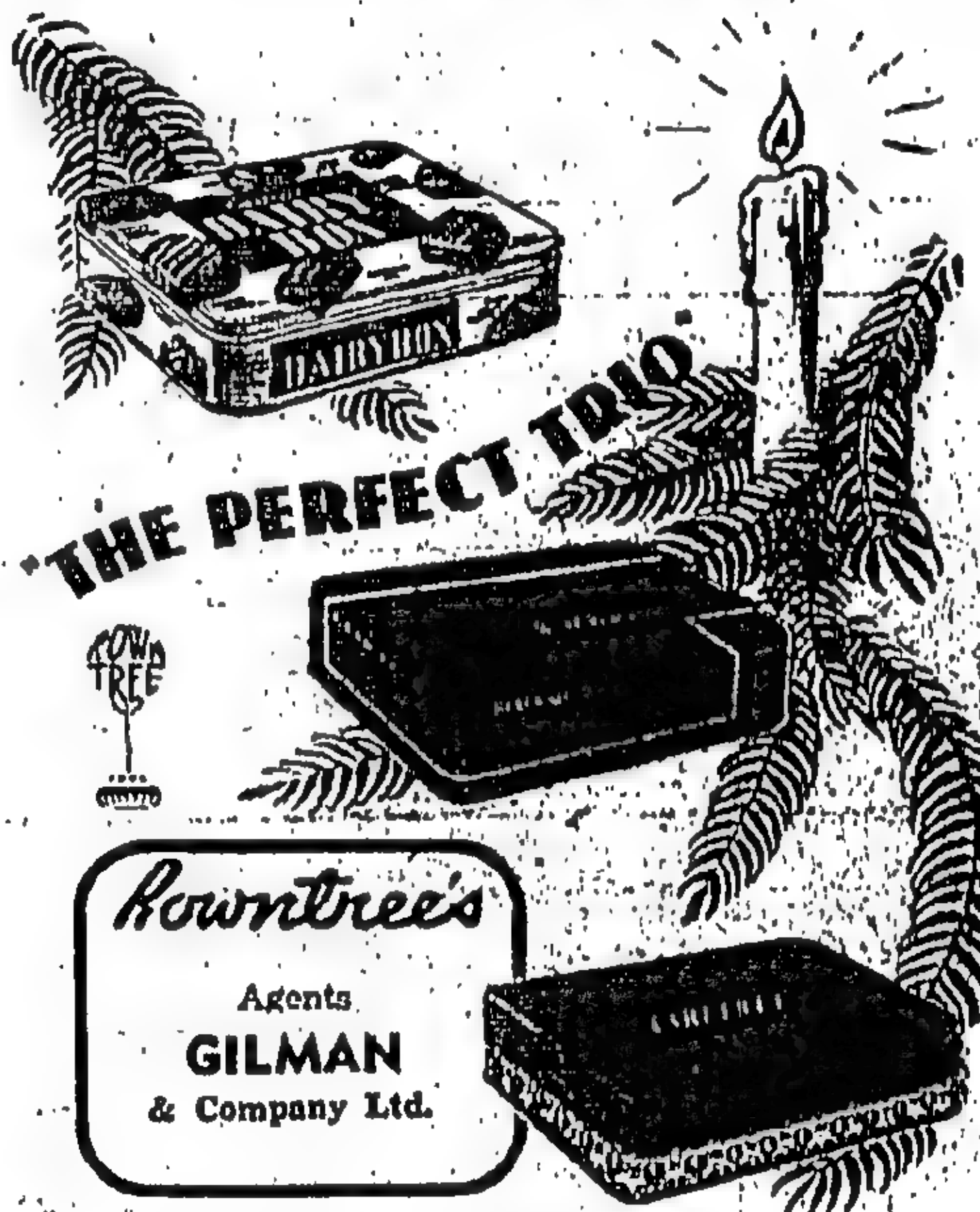
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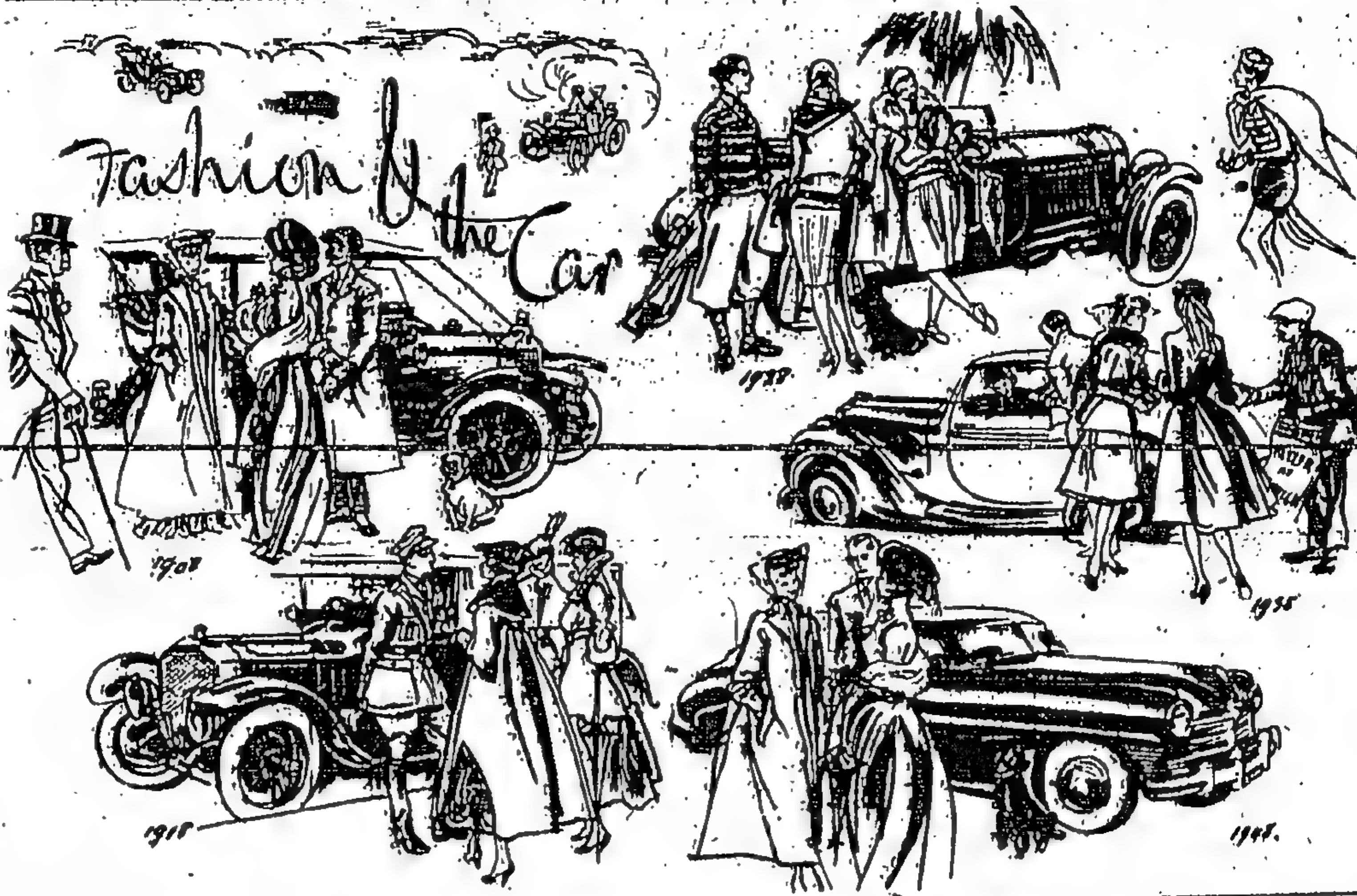
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BETWEEN OURSELVES



Ann Temple

Need Of Comfort

What philosophy can a girl of 24, happily married with a wonderful family, adopt when she discovers that after 16 months in a T.B. "San" she is incurable?

I have known for six months, have tried to accept the inevitable, and not complaining. But alone in a cubicle for all but two visiting hours a week I am becoming more and more obsessed with myself and less and less able to concentrate on books, the only recreation I enjoy.

I hate the thought that I am so sorry for myself. I know I am no worse off than thousands of others, but I am becoming bitter and cynical. I know I shall live several months yet and want to make something good of myself. I cannot turn to religion. I want to, but I never feel any comfort or help, never feel any reassurance when I pray. I feel lost and alone, and yet cannot talk about it to my family, or it would upset them.

How can I find peace of mind? I should be so grateful if you could help me—DEBILATE.

I have not put your letter here in order to attempt an answer here. I couldn't possibly do so in so short a space, so I am sending you a personal reply to the hospital.

Why, then, is your letter here? faith in the power of thought. I know my readers. I know that thousands of them reading your letter this morning, will take you into, and keep you in, their thoughts and in their prayers.

I am the hon. secretary of a committee of ladies. A little surprise, and a great deal of work, which caused the chairman to leave the chair without having closed the meeting.

Am I right in thinking the meeting was void, not having been completed and closed by the same lady?

Should I record the minutes or even that a meeting took place at all?—SECRETARY.

Of course your chairman should have adjourned or closed the meeting before stepping down. But any business passed with the chairman in command remains valid and should be recorded in the minutes. These should end with the statement "at this point the chairman left the chair."

If another member was voted to the chair to complete the meeting the whole meeting is valid and should be minutes.

Finding myself becoming very snappy with my husband when annoyed with him I made up my mind to hold my tongue and say nothing about it.

It does sound very, but it is making me feel bitter and resentful. Is it really in the end better to have it out in a row and have done with it?—M.M.

Over trifling annoyances arising from your beloved, trying yourself than from his provocations, then holding your tongue.

is the thing—and you are lucky to be able to do it.

But if he does give you good cause for resentment, have it out. Keeping silent, you are dodging with it emotionally. Find words to express it clearly and you lift it to the level of reason and can deal with it reasonably.

Also make up your mind to speak for the sake of clearing up a misunderstanding—not merely to let off steam—and you're not so likely to "row" it off.

My husband is a keen golfer, but unfortunately, his partners have wives who issue no invitations to let which I have no desire to accept.

What excuse can I give my husband? Don't suggest I play too. I have more than enough to do as a housewife and gardener.

Why bother with excuses? Isn't the truth more courteous and final—for both husband and the kind and friendly wives?

EVENING SOPHISTICATION

Thirty years ago no debutante would have been permitted to wear an evening dress which was not demure, girlish and even to contemporary eyes—somewhat dull.

The debutante of 1949, however, makes her own decisions to a great extent in regard to her clothes, and she is likely to choose evening dresses which have, at any rate, some touch of sophistication about them. Usually, of course, she has enough dress sense to know that the lighter the fabric the more becoming it is to her, and that a rich, heavy material must be in a delicate colour if her youthful good looks are not to be swamped by its magnificence.

But quite a number of girls appear in sophisticated strapless bodices today, although they are difficult to wear, whereas when these first appeared they were considered suitable only for older women. It has remained for the designers to combine this line with a suggestion of freshness and youth in the dress itself, both as regards material, and treatment.

Probably one of the best examples of this seen recently was a Jacqueline Vienne model worn by Sally Ann Howes, a young British film star. In white, tulle, with the strapless fitted bodice and skirt hem outlined in wide black ribbon, it has a matching stole which serves both to conceal and half-reveal the wearer's shoulders.

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JACQUES FATH'S NEW WOMAN

WITH all the excitement of a Hollywood film premiere, Paris designer Jacques Fath launched his New Woman.

Fath has concentrated on the "Turned Down Look." As mannequins strolled through his glittering salon, stars of the Continental stage and screen clapped... and clapped again.

Fath's New Woman—he has visualized a round back, a narrow bust and the shoulders bent forward as in perpetual modesty.

The silhouette is pushed forward as if blown by a strong wind. Pointers from his midnight collection:

Pastie-horn collars with a V-shaped cut-out made by box pleats;

Boleros turned inside out and puffed;

Skirts with stiff pleating like corrugated iron;

Bellows-shaped box pleats;

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Cocktail party dresses with vast skirts of embroidered tulle on linen. Belt of rose, strings and cork;

Embroideries of raffia, grass, nuts—such as almond and hazel. Scarves of diamond net, and long black leather gloves reaching to near the shoulder for evening.

MOST AMUSING IDEA.—The tortoise roving over a sand-coloured linen coat.

MOST CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT.—The skull-hugging clothes with veils drawn tightly over the face.

MOST PRACTICAL OUT-FITS.—The swinging, Chinese-type coats in natural linen over dark dresses.

MOST BECOMING DRESS.—A grey linen draped over one hip with a huge polka-dotted aurah silk bow.

MOST NERVOUS SPECTATOR.—Jacques Fath, who kept rushing forward to adjust the clothes on the models.

MOST APPRECIATIVE MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE.—Prince Aly Khan, whose "ravis-sante" and "merveilleux" could be heard from one end of the salon to the other.

MOST DERIDED MANNEQUIN.—Those who walked with the mines of 1912. Debutantes because of their puffed skirts.

MOST APPLAUDED MODEL.—The wedding gown in Kate Greenaway style of white moire embroidered with 3,000 pearls and

worn by 19-year-old blonde English mannequin Gloria Clarry.

There was no doubt at all about the interest created by the New Woman. Whether or not Jacques Fath's ideas will get across to YOU is another thing.

In Paris they call Fath "Le Couturier des stars." He is half French, half English (his mother was born in Brighton). 32 years old, fair-haired, good-looking.

Began At 12.

His career can be traced back to the time when, at the age of 12, he sketched and designed dresses for his mother's pretty maid.

In 1938 he opened a small dressmaker's shop with his wife, Genevieve, as his one and only mannequin. She is still his principal aid in planning new creations.

"The new spring collection," he told me, "has been inspired principally by the materials" which were submitted.

"This spring," he went on, "I shall use hard materials—gaberdines, alpaca, shantung, linen. One of my main colours will be canary yellow.

"Some dresses will be very wide, others quite narrow. The idea is to dress each woman according to her personality.

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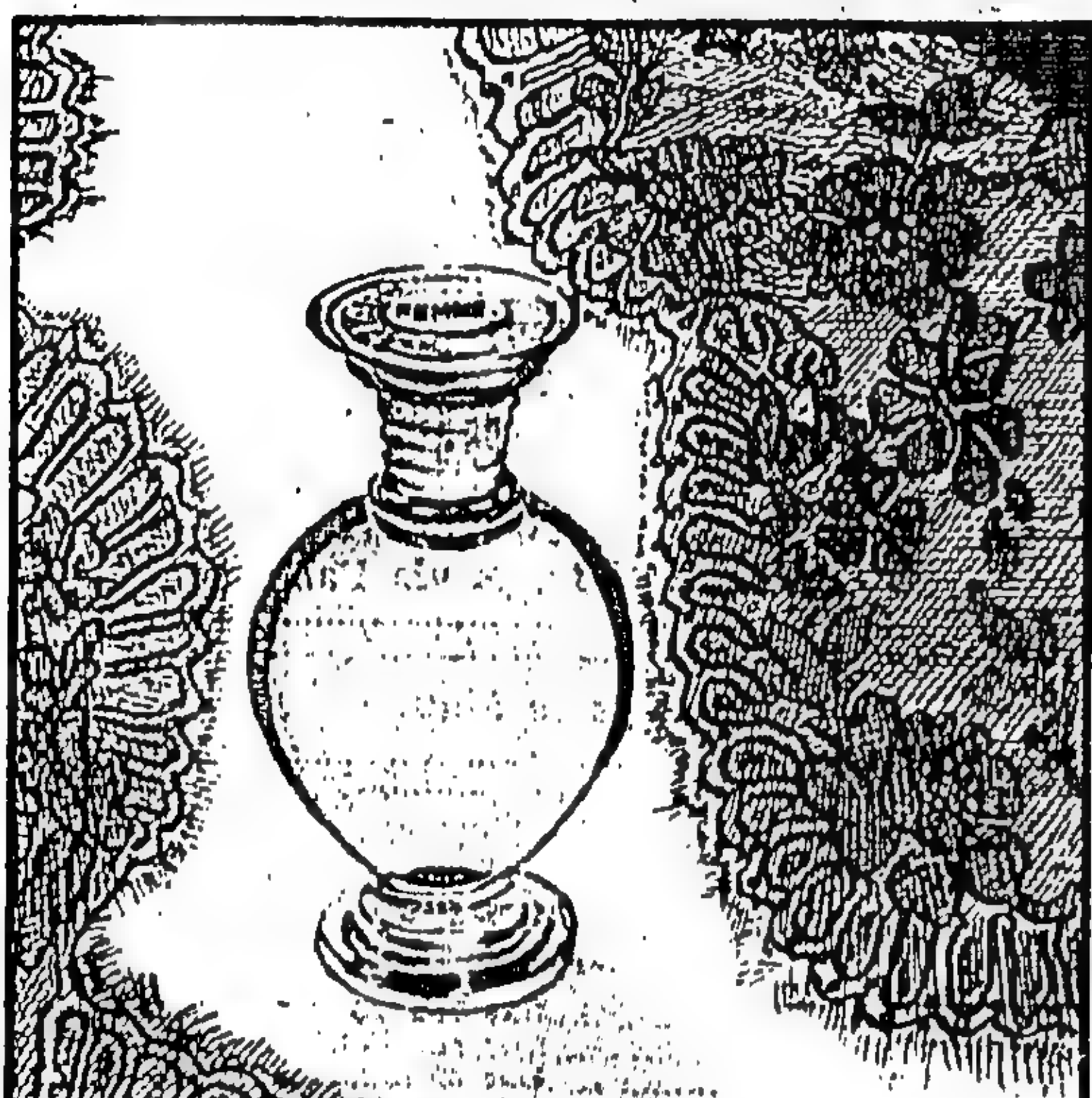
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Between Ourselves:

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MATURE FIGURE STYLES

By Barbara E. Scott Fisher

"Where are the frumpy clothes women used to accept as a kind of penance for having to cope with anything over size 20?" I asked Mme Eta, whose distinguished collections have been working wonders with the mature silhouette for 25 years.

"Oh, those," the designer replied vaguely, "those clothes that used to flourish in women's departments where you were sent as if you were going into exile? I have to think back to remember them."

She laughed. "They are pleasant to forget, and you find them far less frequently today."

"Occasionally clothes of this type crop up on the reduced racks, but the time will come when they are no longer even made. They simply do not belong in the same world with adult women whom I like to define as people who are grown up and glad of it."

Some Beneficial Factors

"Size has nothing to do with an effective appearance," she said emphatically.

"There is no difference between fashion-wise women, whether they wear size 10 or size 40. The secret lies in detail and in the knowledgeable art of dressing which a woman makes her own. Basically a woman must know herself. This requires intelligence and patience. Sometimes the kind of person you are has a way of leading you, and often it remains undefined."

"A haphazard approach to affairs in general reveals itself all too frequently in clothes of the same feather. Clothes are the indelible finger prints of character. When your clothes show to the line of clear definition, when you have them well in hand, they speak for you, not against you, and your wear them with genuine satisfaction."

Can't Give Many Rules

"There are not many rules one can give," Mme Eta said thoughtfully. "When I started designing for women, I was young and slim—the very opposite of the women for whom I designed. Slowly I have become one of the women I have always liked to dress. My hair begins to gray, my figure is fuller. I have learned many things in these 25 years."

Today we do not have the large women we had when I first began my work in this country. Women take pride in their appearance. Age has nothing to do with clothes. You can erase age as a factor in your appearance. Never cater to it. Buy fewer clothes and better ones."

"Good clothes are most often casual—never fussy. You can wear this kind of well-cut clothes for years. The longer they last, the better you like them. Personally I always enjoy my clothes better the second season than when I first wear them."

It is wise of a woman to avoid that "sawed-in-two" look occasionally by a stayaway blouse," Mme Eta advises. The best policy is to have your blouse the same colour as your suit, she says. If something tells you that you must have a more flattering colour next to your face, let this be in the nature of an accessory if you must have it. But maintain your all-in-one appearance. If you must—keep your jacket closed.

She also advises mature women to avoid stiff fabrics such as taffetas, brocades, and heavy satins except for formal gowns. They tend to amplify the figure too generously. If you find it advisable to use these types of fabric for daytime clothes, see that they are combined with softer, more clinging materials such as crepe, chiffon, or sheer wool, she says.

Because women find themselves occupied with many projects and have little time to waste, Mme Eta recommends two-piece dresses. "I never anything that is either complicated to get into or to take off," she says.

Avoid Extremes, Be Reasonable

"Ribbons and laces to set off the faces of pretty girls, sweethearts and wives," says the old song. And that, according to Mme Eta, is just about what clothes are for, to set you off. "Never go to extremes," she counsels. "If you decide to cut your hair, don't wear it manfully short. Be reasonable."

"One of the difficulties women often meet in themselves is 'getting in a rut.' The same old colour, the same type of hats, the invariable practical fabric. There are such interesting new fabrics being developed."

"For example, I've been working on a wonderful knitted fabric which gives all the attractive hand-knit texture women enjoy yet, though made by machine, has none of the sleazy stretch that for so long has discouraged women with full figures from wearing knits."

The woman with the heavier figure can wear knits quite as well as her willowy sister, if the fabric is worked properly. They must have plenty of fullness over the bust, and skirts must be designed with particular care. I always like a skirt that gives plenty of freedom to walk, that is long enough to be graceful, yet never gets in one's way."

Imaginative Treatment Of Fine Woollens

By Victoria Chappelle

The importance of woollen fabrics in the collections shown by the leading London fashion houses, couture and wholesale alike, needs no comment. In all of them some of the finest British products, from the mills of Yorkshire, Scotland and the West Country, can be seen. Those buyers who had no opportunity of seeing these collections will be able to examine the new woollens at the 1940 British Industries Fair.

The clothes illustrated here will not necessarily be seen at the B.I.F., since they are already available to buyers, but they show how the fabrics displayed will look when made up.

For instance, Wolsey dresses are good examples of how the new jerseys are handled by first-class designers. There is a combination of striped jersey—white and lavender—on a brown ground—with plain brown and how the bodice is given all the new fashion points—below-elbow sleeves with wide turn-up cuffs, dolman sleeves, high collar and wide belt. The pinafore dress sketched with it—popular teen-agers—has a plunging neckline with a rollover important collar.

Another jersey dress from the same firm illustrates how effective this fabric can be when made up. Even on the plainest possible lines, in this case with a top almost like a sweater and only an unusual zig-zag pleating at waist as a trimming.

Cobweb Effect

A hand-knitted Annie Blunt model in alternate bands of grey and purple, is an exquisitely fine woollen yarn. This is made in Scotland, and the effect is almost like that of a cobweb—a cobweb, however, mounted on tulle and supported by a taffeta slip worn beneath. Anyone who has seen a Scottish moor in the late afternoon of an early autumn day will recognise the inspiration of the grey and purple colour scheme, for the moor has seem to fold into one another.

The jerkin-cum-sweater and the twin sets also give some idea of the imaginative handling of even the plainest cardigans and sweaters designed by Britain's leading firms. For instance, the Dorville "hug-me-tight" in fluffy angora is a garment which combines all the practicality of the sweater with the unusual lines of a jerkin. An light as a feather, it is made in lovely colours and is probably more easily worn beneath a jacket than the ordinary cardigan.

Then again, the Annie Blunt twin-set shows how manufacturers are appealing to feminine taste. In



The hard-wearing qualities of wool are stressed in the collections of houses in Britain which specialise in sweaters and cardigans. Top is a Dorville "hug-me-tight" in fluffy angora—a garment which combines the practicality of a sweater with the unusual appearance of a jerkin. Below is the sweater belonging to this set—grey on one side, royal blue on the other—which can be worn with the grey or the blue in front as the wearer feels inclined.

Royal blue and grey, the jersey, like the cardigan, is blue on one side and grey on the other. The owner need only wear it back to front, so to speak, to give the impression of quite another garment. The British Industries Fair takes place simultaneously in London and Birmingham from May 2 to May 13. The important textile and clothing display will be staged on the ground floor of the huge exhibition hall at Earls Court, London.

Vogue For White Furs



The evening wrap has always been important, if only because it serves to show off the dress worn beneath to better advantage. Today the fur cape or coat holds the centre of the picture in London, partly for its elegance and partly because it is an excellent frame for the face.

At a time when women have chosen to return to the youthful short hair style, cut to outline the head softly, the now evening vogue for white fur quickly emerges. It is probably not surprising, a better background for a beautifully dressed head than furs in a dark shade, however luxurious and cleverly they may be. Moreover the working of the fur itself is more obvious to the eye and therefore lends greater importance and beauty to the garment.

Nothing can vie with the gleam of white fur for evening. This fox stole from Mills of London, rich and long, is called over a Blanche Moberg silver lame evening dress.

In the illustration Mallo shows one of his magnificent fox furs, rich and luxuriously long, which can be rolled round the arm and neck alone-fashion so that a woman can wear it in a way most suitable to her own individuality.

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BUSINESSMEN DODGING MILLIONS IN TAXES?

London Stock Exchange

London, February 18.

Dollar stocks on the London

Stock Exchange today responded

to Wall Street improvement and

registered gains up to one and a

half points.

The tone in most other sections of

the market was quietly firm. Business trans-

actions were little more than the usual

week-end operations.

Iron and steel had many small sales

and colliery shares with coke oven in-

vestments were particularly wanted. An

outlet for tobacco was generally re-

gained by the close. Imperial Chemical

Industries were again featured with a

share rise but profit-taking resulted in

a fall of several points in Cable and

Wireless stocks.

Government securities were featureless

and mainly steady.

The proposed aid by the Bureau of

Commerce to the oil industry resulted in

an advance in Burmah Oil shares. Other

oil was steady but little.

Among foreigners, Japanese issues

were fractional, but three were

some improvement in Brazilian utilities

South African gold mines were addi-

tional firm on demand for Free Sinter and

dividend payers.

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Boston, February 18.
A Senate sub-committee, reporting on a three-month investigation of Textron Incorporated, of New York, alleged today that American businessmen are dodging millions of dollars in taxes each year by setting up supposedly charitable trusts.

The sub-committee chairman, Senator Charles W. Tobey, who acknowledged that the device seems legal under present laws, demanded immediate legislation to block loopholes.

He also wants Congressional investigation of the nation's 10,000 charitable foundations.

In a 28-page report to the Senate Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee today, Senator Tobey said five trusts created by or for Textron Incorporated (President Royce G. Little), of Providence, Rhode Island, actually aided his textile empire rather than its purported charitable beneficiaries.

Using them as an example of what was claimed to be widespread practice, the Senator charged that the trusts failed to pay federal income taxes though their profits were used mainly in "fictitious" financial manipulations with Textron and its subsidiaries.

As a result of his investigation, Senator Tobey demanded:
(1) Congressional pressure to force the Internal Revenue Commissioner, Mr. George Shobe, to collect several million dollars in back taxes from Textron Incorporated and millions more from its other so-called charitable foundations throughout the nation.

Huge Losses
(2) Immediate legislation to prevent trusts, which are not "bona fide" charitable foundations, from obtaining tax exemptions.

(3) Regulations to prevent Puerto Rico from luring factories from the continental United States by granting a 12-year tax-free holiday while accepting subsidies from the Federal Government.

The report, believed to be the first ever made by a Congressional body inquiring into trusts as a tax-avoiding device, was released at a news conference by the sub-committee today.

Senator Tobey said he believed the investigation disclosed a pattern of operation of hundreds of unchecked trusts which, he said, may have cost the government \$1,000,000,000 in tax losses in less than five years—United Press.

Rome Strike In Protest

Rome, February 18.
The Rome Chamber of Labour called a one-hour general protest strike today against yesterday's clash between police and newspaper workers in which 57 people were injured.

Non-Communist independent unions opposed the strike and 20 minutes after it was due to start, shops, cafes and offices were still open in Central Rome, and taxis were running normal. Buses and trams were running again after holding a 15-minute sympathy strike earlier today.

Printers and paper workers in the city and province of Rome called a 24-hour sympathy strike for tonight which is expected to stop the publication of tomorrow's newspapers.

The Labour Confederation in Palermo today announced a general strike throughout Sicily on Monday to support the island's miners' seven-week strike bid for higher pay—Reuters.

NY RUBBER

New York, February 19.
Crude rubber standard futures closed quiet with no sales. Crude rubber No. 1 futures five to 25 lower with sales of 21 contracts.

March 18.40 bid
May 18.25
July 17.98 bid
September 17.90
Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 18 3/8 nominal—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENT

San Francisco, February 19.
Arrivals: Spalmatori from Yokohama, Cardinal O'Connell. Seattle arrival: Julia Luckenbach from Yokohama—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, February 19.
Stocks closed on a downward slant after early indecision. Losses were neither large enough nor numerous enough to indicate a decisive trend in slow trading totalling about 650,000 shares.

Among included U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, Douglas Aircraft, Republic Aviation, American Smelting and Refining Co.

Among steeper spots were U.S. Rubber, Sears, Roebuck, United Aircraft, American Telephone, American Can, Du Pont and American Tobacco.

Down Jones Averages:
Stocks 68.18; 10 Industrials 174.71; 15 Rails 49.21; 10 Utilities 14.46.

Closing stock quotations:
Alcoa 18 1/2; American Can 51; American Smelting 19 1/2; American Tobacco 24 1/2; American Waterworks 16 1/2; Armco 18 1/2; Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2; Barrington 4 1/2; Bendis Aviation 10 1/2; Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2; Boeing Aircraft 11 1/2; Borg-Warner 11 1/2; Chrysler 69; Colgate 30; Commercial Solvents 17; Corn Products 40 1/2; Du Pont 18 1/2; Eastman Kodak 44 1/2; Electric Light & Power 23 1/2; General Electric 18 1/2; General Motors 49 1/2; Goodyear 42; International Harvester 24 1/2; International Paper 47 1/2; International Telephone 18 1/2; Johnson & Johnson 23 1/2; Kellogg 18 1/2; L. Case 18 1/2; National Lead 21 1/2; New York Central 11 1/2; Packard 21 1/2; Pan American Airways 11 1/2; Penn. Woods 18 1/2; Radio Corp. 11 1/2; Republic Steel 14 1/2; Reynolds Tobacco 37 1/2; Sears Roebuck 30 1/2; Shell Oil 24 1/2; Sweeney Vacuum 16 1/2; Southern Pacific 48 1/2; Standard Brands 19 1/2; Standard Oil of Calif. 59; Standard Oil of N.J. 27 1/2; Studebaker 18 1/2; Union Carbide 28 1/2; Union Carbide 28 1/2; U.S. Steel 38 1/2; U.S. Lines 11 1/2; Weirton 14 1/2; Youngstown Sheet & Tube 66 1/2; Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2—Associated Press.

Yokohama As New Port of Call

San Francisco, February 19.
American President Lines announced today four passenger ships—including two luxury liners—will call at Yokohama twice on each Far Eastern cruise.

The Yokohama calls will become effective immediately. The Company is preparing for substantially increased passenger traffic to and from Japan to take advantage of General Douglas MacArthur's easing of traffic restrictions.

The four APL ships which will make Yokohama a port of call are the luxury liners President Cleveland and President Wilson and the vessels General W. H. Gordon and General M. C. Meigs.

Departure and arrival dates in the United States will remain unchanged since it is possible to make the Yokohama call without adding to the time needed by the four big ships for the voyage.

Under the new schedules, the ships will proceed from the U.S. to Yokohama via Honolulu and on to Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kobe, arriving back in Yokohama 10 days after the original call—Associated Press.

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Marwar (unofficial) no trading.
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Alexandria, Fine Gold (Dishem) 147; Egyptian pound (Found) 440; Sovereign (King) 389; Sovereign (Queen) 387; Napoleon (Louis) 316; Union Latine (in coin of 20 francs gold) 279; Turkish Gold pound 310; Dollar (American gold coin of 1 dollar) 420; Pure Silver (per 100) 80.

Paris, Free Gold 100 francs 2,200; Free French 10 franc coins 2,250; Swiss franc 4,225; Union Latine 4,000; Sovereign 6,050; Half Sovereign 2,050; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 23,700; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 11,400; Sovereign (in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$69.5; Napoleon (in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$87.5; Dollar notes (in black market) 485; Sterling Notes (in black market) 1,250; Swiss Franc Notes (in black market) 107.

Paris, Free Market Rates: In gold, Fine Gold ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234.24; Fine Wheat counter part 480/718; Silver ingots, per kilo 6,000; 7,400; Platinum ingots, per kilo 800,000, 850,000.—Reuters.

BRITAIN SETS STEEL RECORD

London, February 18.
The British Iron and Steel Industry announced that its 1948 output of steel ingots and castings was a record of 14,977,000 tons.

This was 37,000 tons more than the goal set by the Labour Government and 2,000,000 tons more than the previous record set in 1947.

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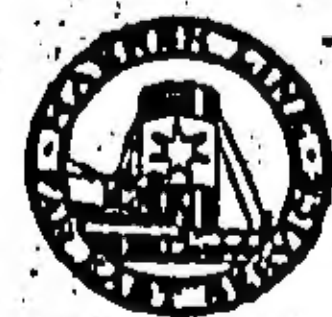
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ex-Kobe, J. McKimley, 18
MONGOLIA (EA Co.), Danish, 5,100 tons,
ex-Manila, K. W. H. 18
BIENHONG (D & B), British, 1,492
tons, ex-Kobe, J. McKimley, 18
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IDAHO (Doddwell) for Vancouver.

PRES. FILLMORE (APL) for Manila.

TUNAN (D & B) for Swallow.

VINONES (Wallen) for Los Angeles.

TOMORROW
FENGTEIN (D & B) for Singapore.

FLYING CLIPPER (Pattison) for New York.

FOOCHOW (D & B) for Shanghai.

HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swallow.

SHUNGKING (D & B) for Shanghai.

Vessels in Port

ANAKAN (Grimble) K. Dock

BENROCH (Loney) K. Dock

BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) K. Dock

BUSHWOOD (Hunt) K. Dock

CALTEX II (Tosco) T.S.W.

COCIL G. SALLARS (Molers) A17

CHEN MEN (Ming Han) Yumail

CHIRBYER BALEN (Hunt) K. Dock

DAI CHUNG (Wallen) Yumail

KARTEN TRADER (Wallen) K. Dock

SHANG (Jardine) K. Dock

FENGTEIN (D & B) S.S. 18

HONG BILLY (Hunt) K. Dock

FOOCHOW (D & B) S.S. 18

FORT CHARLITTE (NSO) K. W. H.

FUKWANG (APC) K. Dock

GLENGARRY (Jardine) Holt's Wharf

HAI LEE (Thornen) K. Dock

HAINAN (Douglas) K. Dock

HAITIEN (CMN) A5

HOT WONG (Larsen) H. H. Day

HOK WANG (Lao) K. Dock

HONG BILLY (Hunt) Yumail

INCIRAG (Williamson) Yumail

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JADE LEAF (Mannere) Blomfield

KIANG YONG (Hunt) K. Dock

KWANG HAI (CMN) Blomfield

LADY WOLMER (Whitlock) Yumail

LISIN (Jin Pin Co.) S.S. 18

LOUIS MOLLER (Moller) K. Dock

LUNG MEN (Ming Han) K. Dock

MAUSANG (Jardine) A11

MAYON (Jardine) K. Dock

MONGOLIA (EA Co.) K. W. H.

MOW LEE (Whitlock) S.S. 18

NANCHANG (D & B) T. Dock

NGO WEI (CMN) S.S. 18

NINGHAI (D & B) S.S. 18

PAKHIOI (D & B) T. Dock

PERNA (D & B) T. Dock

RIVERSIDE (Doddwell) K. Dock

RUYS (RIL) K. Dock

SAN RAFAEL (Mannere) Blomfield

SHUNGKING (D & B) S.S. 18

STANVAC (Jin Pin Co.) K. Dock

SEKHUEN (D & B) T. Dock

TAKINSHAN (Ming Han) S.S. 18

TING HING (Wallen) K. Dock

THIALANKA (RIL) K. Dock

THIAN (D & B) S.S. 18

WEI MING (HKS Co.) T. Dock

WHANGPU (D & B) S.S. 18

Y.4 (Grimble) S.S. 18

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VESSELS DUE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

BOISEVAIN (RIL) Mar.

STRAT MALAKKA (RIL) Mar.

AMERICA ATLANTIC COAST

ARNOLD MAERK (Jensen) ex-New York

FLYING CLIPPER (Pattison) ex-Japan, Shanghai

OCEAN MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver, Seattle

MONGABARRA (Wallen)

19 FEB. BUCHANAN (APL) ex-Los Angeles

20 FEB. HARDING (APL) ex-Los Angeles

21 FEB. VAN BUREN (APL) ex-Los Angeles

22 FEB. SERPENT (USL) ex-San Francisco

23 FEB. TANTARA (East Asiatic) ex-Manila

24 FEB. JEFFERSON (APL) ex-Los Angeles

25 FEB. AUSTRIA

26 FEB. CITOS (Doddwell) ex-Manila

27 FEB. EASTERN (D & B) ex-Manila

28 FEB. HINDUSTAN (Jardine) ex-Manila

29 FEB. NANKIN (E & A) ex-New Zealand, Early

30 FEB. SOOCHOW (D & B) ex-Manila

CHINA

1 HAIYANG (D & B) ex-Foochow

2 REVERETT (Everett) ex-Shanghai

3 THIAN (D & B) ex-Swallow

4 VAN HOUTE (RIL) ex-Amoy, Swallow

5 WINGANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai

6 LENEVERETT (Everett) ex-Amoy

7 SHIRALA (BI) ex-Amoy

EUROPE

8 BENDORAN (Loney) ex-UK

9 BENDLAWERS (Loney) ex-UK

10 DALI (Gillman) ex-UK

11 MEDON (D & B) ex-UK via Straits

12 RAYVAC (Thornen) ex-UK

13 RUNKER (RIL) ex-UK

14 SOMALI (P & O) ex-UK

15 DENALBANACH (Loney) ex-UK 1st half

16 BENGLEUGH (Loney) ex-UK 2nd half

17 BENGLEUGH (Loney) ex-UK 2nd half

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Hanoi, Haiphong: 8 p.m.

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 11.45 a.m.

8 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10

a.m., 11 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m.,

3.15 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-Shanghai:

12.10 p.m.

CATO ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.15

p.m.

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Agents: CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO	Destination	Time
"HUNAN"	Shanghai, Yokohama	10 a.m. 20th Feb.
"FUOCHOW"	Shanghai, Yokohama	3 p.m. 20th Feb.
"SHENKING"	Shanghai, Yokohama	4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"KINGTIAN"	Shanghai, Yokohama	4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"TSINAN"	Shanghai, Yokohama	4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"KWEIYANG"	Shanghai, Yokohama	4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"Sails from Cantonian Wharf"		

ARRIVALS FROM	Origin	Time
"TSINAN"	Shanghai, Yokohama	9 a.m. 23rd Feb.
"HUPH"	Shanghai, Yokohama	25/26th Feb.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai, Yokohama	27th Feb.

RIVER SERVICE	Destination	Time
"TATSHAN"	Sails for Canton	3 p.m. 20th & 5.30 p.m. 22nd Feb.
	Arrives from Canton	2.30 a.m. 22nd & 24th Feb.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE
SCHEDULE SAILINGS TO LIVERPOOL
via Aden & Port Said.

"CYCLOPS"	via Port Sudan, Genoa & Marseilles	23rd Feb.
"ACHILLES"	via Port Sudan, Genoa & Marseilles	8th Mar.
"ELEPHANT"	via Port Sudan, Genoa & Marseilles	14th Mar.

Arrivals from	Origin	Time
"MEDON"	U.K. via Straits	21st Feb.
"ELEPHANT"	U.K. via Straits	9th Mar.
"POLYNEUS"	U.K. via Straits	26th Mar.
"TIAN"	U.K. via Straits	26th Mar.

NEW YORK SERVICE
Arrivals from
"AJAX" U.S.A. via Manila 14th March
Carriers option to proceed via other Ports to load and discharge cargo.

Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Sailings to	Destination	Time
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne	noon 24th Feb.
"SUOCHOW"	Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane	14th Mar.
Arrivals from	Origin	Time
"CHANGTE"	Japan	In port
"SUOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	7th Mar.

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Recreio XI. Beat Optimists By 22 Runs

Scorpions Beat IRC, CCC Bow To Army

A brilliant 59 by G. N. Gosano, followed by inspired bowling on the part of A. P. Pereira and Dr. E. L. Gosano, enabled Club do Recreio to beat HKCC "Optimists" by 22 runs in a First League Cricket match at Chater Road yesterday.

At Sookunpoo, HKCC "Scorpions" atoned for the defeat of the "Optimists" by overwhelming a strong Indian Recreation Club XI, whom they beat by five wickets in a game featured by splendid bowling by Frank Howarth, who took six wickets for 30 runs.

Army, who were at home to Craigengower Cricket Club at Sookunpoo, had no difficulty in beating the visitors by 92 runs. Stepto played havoc with the CCC batsmen, seven of whom were dismissed for only 20 runs.

Royal Navy, who were the guests of Hong Kong University at Pokfulam, put up a very poor show against their hosts and were defeated by 20 runs, after dismissing the Undergraduates for 110.

The First League match between Kowloon Cricket Club and RAF at Kai Tak was not played. It is understood that this game has been postponed until Saturday, March 19.

"Optimists"—Recreio

A brilliant 59 by G. N. Gosano and inspired bowling by A. P. Pereira and Dr. E. L. Gosano, enabled Recreio to beat HKCC "Optimists" by 22 runs in a First League cricket match at Chater Road.

Sent in to bat after losing the toss, Recreio lost three wickets in quick succession with only 27 runs on the board.

G. N. Gosano and E. M. L. Soares were then associated in a partnership which brought the total to 70, before Soares was beaten by a " Yorker".

After being missed at short-leg for an easy catch in his 20s, Gosano went on to reach 50 in 60 minutes, with some crisp late cuts and hefty pulls to leg. With nine more runs added to his score, he was clean bowled with a similar ball that beat Soares.

With the exception of Beltrao, none of the remaining batsmen managed to stay on and the innings closed just at tea-time for 135.

Taking lease of the wicket after tea, the "Optimists" fared no better, losing four wickets for 41 runs.

R. W. Franklin then made a gallant stand and defied the bowling for 77 minutes, remaining unbeaten with a score of 53 runs. He gave a chanceless innings and hit eight fours and the only six of the game.

RECREIO	IRC
G. N. Gosano, b T. P. Mahon	M. J. Ruzack, c Sub b Stokes
A. M. Frain, c Oliver, b T. P. Mahon	S. A. Jamill, stp Hughes, b Howarth
G. N. Gosano, b Howard	A. B. Kitchell, c Leach, b Howarth
E. L. Gosano, b T. P. Mahon	A. H. Abbas, c McLeod, b Clague
E. M. L. Soares, b A. L. Smith	A. K. Ismail, c Hughes, b Howarth
F. M. da Silva, c N. Arthy, b A. L. Smith	A. R. Sufiad, b Howarth
A. M. Rodrigues, b N. Arthy	S. H. Khan, b Howarth
H. L. Ozerio, b M. Wood	I. M. Omar, b Howarth
A. P. Pereira, c A. L. Smith	A. el Arculli, b Clague
N. A. Beltrao, not out	A. B. Minu, c Leach, b Clague
B. T. Gosano, lbw, Howard	M. Sany, not out
Extras	Extras
Total	Total

135

108

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Howarth	14	4	30	6
Stokes	9	1	30	1
Gee	3	—	24	—
Clague	3	—	10	3

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
L. F. Stokes, b Arculli	48	—	—	—
O. J. Kerr, c Sany, b Arculli	12	—	—	—
D. H. Leach, c Abbas, b Arculli	18	—	—	—
J. E. Richardson, lbw, b Minu	10	—	—	—
D. Clague, b A. K. Ismail	8	—	—	—
F. Gibbons, not out	8	—	—	—
F. Howarth, not out	8	—	—	—
Extras	4	—	—	—

Army—CCC
Army beat Craigengower by 9 runs in a First League Cricket match at Sookunpoo, thanks to the deadly bowling of Slept who took

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Arculli	12	1	45	3
A. K. Ismail	2	—	12	1

ARMY—CCC	O	M	R	W
Army beat Craigengower by 92 runs in a First League Cricket match at Sookunpoo, thanks to the deadly bowling of Stepto who took seven wickets for 20 runs.	—	—	—	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
M. Little, c & b A. P. Pereira	8	—	—	—
L. D. Kilbee, lbw, A. P. Pereira	4	—	—	—
N. R. Oliver, c & b A. P. Pereira	15	—	—	—
N. E. Arthy, lbw, E. L. Gosano	10	—	—	—
R. W. Franklin, not out	63	—	—	—
K. A. Miller, c G. N. Gosano, b E. L. Gosano	1	—	—	—
G. T. Rowe, run out	4	—	—	—
W. L. Howard, b E. L. Gosano	4	—	—	—
T. P. Mahon, lbw, A. P. Pereira	6	—	—	—
M. Wood, lbw, A. P. Pereira	6	—	—	—
A. L. Smith, c H. L. Ozerio, b E. L. Gosano	7	—	—	—
Extras	4	—	—	—
Total	113	—	—	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
A. P. Pereira	15	2	49	5
E. L. Gosano	13	4	32	4
G. N. Gosano	6	2	22	4
H. L. Ozerio	1	—	6	—

IRC—"Scorpions"	O	M	R	W
HKCC "Scorpions" beat IRC by five wickets in a First League Cricket match at Sookunpoo.	—	—	—	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Billimoria	10	3	70	3
Crabtree	16	6	37	2
Omair	4	—	16	—
Ramchand	1	—	6	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
J. J. Billimoria, b Stepto	4	—	—	—
L. Wong, c Burton, b Banton	12	—	—	—
S. H. Trueman, lbw, Crellin	10	—	—	—
V. H. White, c and b Crellin	10	—	—	—
E. Randall, b Crellin	10	—	—	—
H. E. Matthews, b Crellin	10	—	—	—
W. G. Cowie, c Morris, b Crellin	10	—	—	—
E. A. J. Hancock, b Morris	10	—	—	—
N. Hart-Baker, not out	7	—	—	—
D. G. White, not out	7	—	—	—
N. Hart-Baker, b Hodgson	12	—	—	—
R. Leigh, b Crellin	2	—	—	—
A. J. Wood, b Crellin	0	—	—	—
Extras	14	—	—	—
Total	87	—	—	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Holmes	7	2	28	1
Crellin	9	3	20	7
Morris	2	0	20	1
Hodgson	1	0	5	1

RAF	O	M	R	W
Clarke, c Jones, b Matthews	17	—	—	—
Morris, c Hancock, b Matthews	3	—	—	—

HK University—Navy	O	M	R	W
In a First League cricket match at Pokfulam, Hong Kong University beat Royal Navy by 20 runs.	—	—	—	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Stepto	9	3	29	7
Banton	7	3	9	3
Jones	2	1	2	—

UNIVERSITY	O	M	R	W
S. M. Teh, c Vavassour, b Hart	0	—	—	—
T. Lo, lbw Hart	5	—	—	—

Success Comes To Two Swedes, Belgian

New York, February 19. Success on American indoor tracks, which had eluded such great European runners as Gunnar Haegg and Marcel Hansenne, finally was achieved by two Swedes and a Belgian and was the feature of the big January meets in the United States.

The Swedes, Ingvar Bengtsson and Erik Ahlden, each won twice in three races, and the Olympic 5,000 metre champion, Gaston Reiff, of Belgium, won his only start.

William Slykhuys, of Holland, was a close second in both his starts, losing first to Bengtsson in the mile run at Philadelphia on January 21, and then to Don Gehrman, of the USA, in the mile run on January 29, but Gehrman had to run it in 4:00.5, by far the best time of the year.

Thus the Europeans, who always before had failed in American indoor meets either because they could not acclimatize themselves to the banked wooden tracks or because they did not stay in good physical condition, redeemed themselves magnificently.

Two world records were equalled during last month as Bill Dwyer, of Rhode Island, won the mile run in 3:59.4 and the 500 yards dash in 1:12.5, but that is a comparatively minor event, and Dwyer merely equalled a mark which had been reached 14 times previously.

Bengtsson won the mile at Philadelphia in 4:21.4 and the 1,000 yards at Boston on January 22 in 3:44.5, but infected teeth and unhappiness caused by an accident to his son hampered him badly in the mile race and he was last.

A Record Ahlden won the two-mile at Philadelphia in 9:12 and the two-mile at Boston in 9:03.2, a new meet record. Ahlden was second to Reiff in the

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Crellin, c Matthews, b D.G.	10	—	—	—
White	10	—	—	—
Dougl, run out	0	—	—	—
Follett, c Cowie, b Randall	0	—	—	—
Campbell, b Matthews	5	—	—	—
Kirley, c Hart-Baker, b Randall	7	—	—	—
S. Randall	0	—	—	—
Neal, c and b Randall	0	—	—	—
Hodgson, c and b Randall	0	—	—	—
Jones, lbw Matthews	1	—	—	—
Holmes, not out	1	—	—	—
Extras	7	—	—	—
Total	81	—	—	—

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
D.G. White	8	2	24	1
H.E. Matthews	13	4	39	3
E.A.J. Hancock	5	1	15	0
W.H. Cowie	1	0	2	0
E. Randall	1	0	1	3
N. Hart-Baker	1	0	2	0

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Crellin	7	2	28	1
White	9	3	20	7
Morris	2	0	20	1
Hodgson	1	0	5	1

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Holmes	7	2	28	1
Crellin	9	3	20	7
Morris	2	0	20	1
Hodgson	1	0	5	1

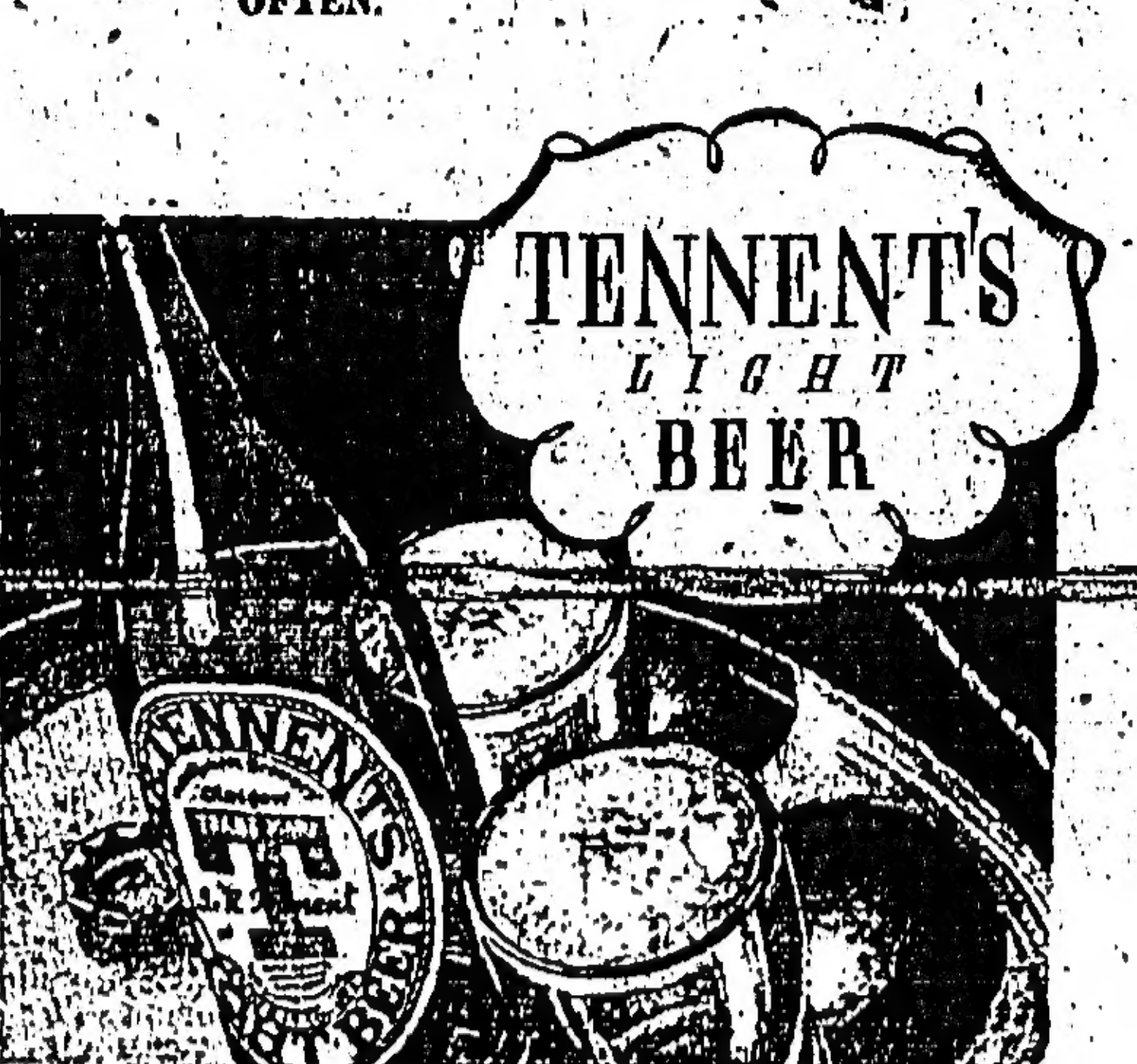
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Second Race Meeting,
Saturday, 26th February, 1940.

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be of sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasury Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27181).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers. The two men etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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HONG KONG, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1949.



Colony Beat Shanghai In Rugby Interport Game

In a fast and always interesting Interport Rucker game on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, Hong Kong beat Shanghai by 17 points to nil.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, February 19.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

FA CUP—Fifth Round

Replay

Leicester City 5 Luton 3

FIRST DIVISION

Villa	2	Manchester U	1
Bolton	4	Derby	0
Burnley	3	Chelsea	0
Charlton	2	Middlesbrough	0
Liverpool	1	Blackpool	1
Manchester C	1	Newcastle	0
Preston	3	Everton	1
Sheffield U	3	Portsmouth	1
Stoke	2	Birmingham	1
Sunderland	0	Huddersfield	0
Wolverhampton	1	Arsenal	3

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	0	Bradford	0
Brentford	8	Bury	2
Coventry	1	Lincoln	0
Fulham	4	Cardiff	0
Leeds	1	Sheff Wed	0
Nottingham	0	Queens P R	0
Plymouth	3	Blackburn	0
Southampton	1	Sheff Wed	0
Spurs	1	West Ham	1

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

Brighton	1	Bournemouth	0
Bristol C	1	Swindon	0
Exeter	1	Leyton Orient	0
Newport	2	Bristol R	1
Northampton	4	Millwall	0
Norwich	2	Port Vale	0
Reading	1	Walsall	0
Southend	1	Aldershot	0
Swansea	6	Torquay	1
Watford	1	Ipswich Town	2

* Result not received.

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

Barrow	2	Oldham	1
Bradford	4	Hull	2
Carlisle	3	Doncaster	0
Darlington	4	Crewe	1
Gateshead	0	Stockport	1
Hull City	2	Rotherham	0
Hartlepool	2	York	3
Manchester	0	Tranmere	0
N. Brighton	1	Chester	1
Rochdale	1	South Port	0
Wrexham	1	Accrington	0

SCOTTISH CUP—3rd Round

Hearts	3	Dumbarton	0
Morton	0	Clyde	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

Dundee	5	Albion Rovers	0
Falkirk	1	Aberdeen	2
Glasgow Rangers	2	Partick Thistle	1
St. Mirren	1	Queen of S.	1
Third Lanark	2	East Fife	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"B"

Airdrie	3	Shoemaker	0
Aldrie Ath.	4	Queen's Park	0
Dunfermline	4	Arbroath	2
Kilmarnock	2	Cowdenbeath	0
Rath Rovers	1	Dundee U.	3
Stirling A.	4	Ayr United	1
St. Johnstone	1	Hamilton	1

—Reuter.

TODAY'S SOCCER

Hong Kong League

FIRST DIVISION

RAP v. CAH	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
Yau Fong Tai v. P. P. Li	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
KM v. Navy	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
Yau Fong Tai v. P. P. Li	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
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SECOND DIVISION

WD Chinese v. South China	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
Police v. Tai Po	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
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School League

SENIOR DIVISION

Tai Po v. St. Joseph's	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
Yau Fong Tai v. P. P. Li	8.00 p.m.	Referee: M. J. Lee
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JUNIOR DIVISION

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There were few constructive movements and the Hong Kong backs did not shine in the way expected of them. Franklin at centre playing a disappointing game.

In the Shanghai team, Leckie and Kiddy were always dangerous, while the back row of the scrum, Salter, Wedderburn and Graham played a grand spoiling game.

On the Hong Kong side, D. Henderson was always outstanding, but in attack, Nolan surpassed any other player on the field. De Rome played a much better game than he has done for some time, his running and kicking being well-nigh perfect.

Hong Kong attacked from the kick-off but Day cleared with a kick to touch. Shanghai then brought the ball back and gained about 20 yards, as none of the Hong Kong backs seemed willing to lie on the ball.

Poor Passing

Hong Kong backs gained possession from the scrum, but poor passing nullified any attacking moves. Shanghai forwards were playing magnificently and doing more than hold the Hong Kong eight.

A good cut-through by D. Henderson let Franklin away, but he hung on too long and the chance was lost.

Kiddy, the Shanghai centre, gaining possession of the ball, kicked well up field and Colt following up hard, was almost well over the Hong Kong line before being knocked off.

Then Leckie, the Shanghai fly-half, started a movement which was carried on by Kiddy and Colt, the latter being pulled down on the Hong Kong line. Nolan managed to scramble the ball clear.

The Hong Kong backs were again given possession of the ball but poor handling allowed Day on the Shanghai wing to get away on the right and he managed to take the ball well into the Hong Kong half.

Leckie, with a good kick, took play well into the Hong Kong 25, but from the ensuing line out Hong Kong gained possession and their backs, with a good passing movement, allowed De Rome to get away on the left wing. He was not stopped until well inside the Shanghai 25.

Misunderstanding

The ball went loose from the ensuing scrum and after some scrappy play, a misunderstanding between Gosling and Day allowed De Rome to pick up the ball and give it to Nolan, who had no difficulty in opening the scoring for Hong Kong in the 20th minute of play. Henderson missed the kick.

From the kick-off, Hong Kong again attacked, but Kiddy and Colt stopped the movement with hard tackling.

The Shanghai forwards, gained possession from a loose scrum and Leckie, with a well placed kick ahead, gave Kiddy a chance to level the scores, but he knocked on in trying to pick up on the Hong Kong line.

In the ensuing 25, a Shanghai forward knocked on and from the scrum, the ball went out to the scrum, the Shanghai forwards, handled the ball in the scrum, Henderson made no mistake, with the resultant penalty kick to make the score 6-0 in favour of Hong Kong at half time.

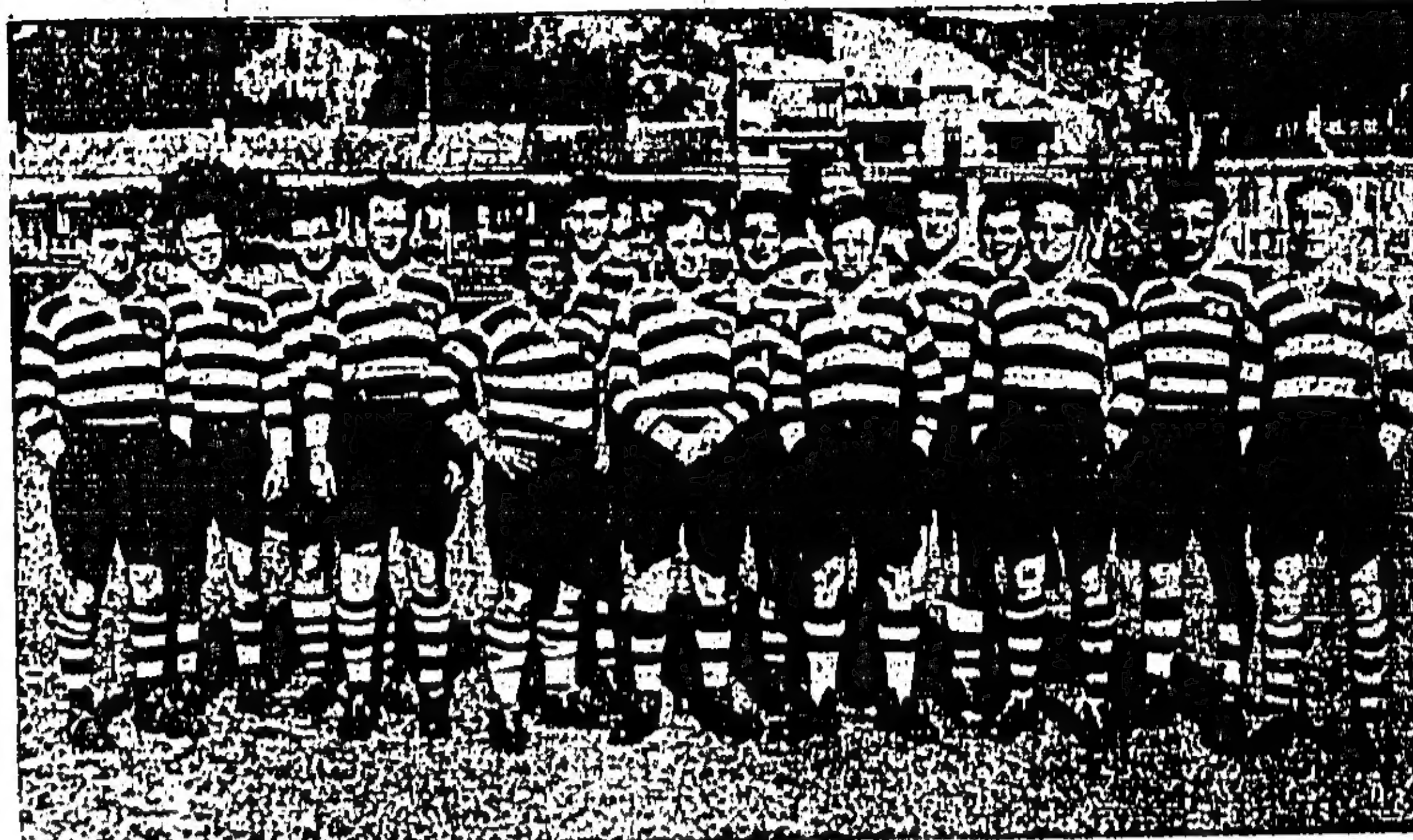
Shanghai kicked off on re-possession and the ball went to Robinson, the Hong Kong right wing, who made a 30-yard run on the right wing, and kicked ahead, only to see Gosling, the Shanghai full back, who played a very safe game, clear the ball with a good kick.

Hong Kong forwards were still playing their backs the ball from Leckie's kick, but the Shanghai forwards, who were much better in the loose, were much better in the loose.

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A Scrappy Game At Happy Valley



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Two World Fights To Be Held In UK?

London, February 19.

If Jack Solomons, the London promoter, succeeds in persuading Manuel Ortiz to defend his world bantamweight championship in London on April 4, it will mean that there will be two world fights in the British Isles on successive nights.

Solomons is confident his terms will be acceptable. Arrangements have already been made for Rinty Monaghan to defend his world flyweight title against Maurice Sandeyron of France in Belfast (Northern Ireland) on April 5.

The question of an opponent for Ortiz may set a problem. Solomons' idea is to pit him against the winner of the Jackie Paterson versus Danny O'Sullivan contest which takes place on Monday, but Paterson has to meet Stan Rowan of Liverpool in defence of his British title next month.

If Paterson beats O'Sullivan and Rowan, the way will be clear for him.

But if O'Sullivan beats Paterson and the latter then loses his British title to Rowan, Rowan may feel that as British champion he has a prior claim to fight for the world title.

It is not, however, unusual for a boxer without a title to fight for a world crown over the heads of champions.

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Army XI Draw With Saints; Police Defeat Kwong Wah

Army received a rude shock in their First Division soccer match against St. Joseph's at Sookun-poo yesterday afternoon, when they were forced to share four goals with the Saints.

At Boundary Street, Police defeated Kwong Wah in the only other First Division match played yesterday, winning by two goals to one.

Solicitors again caused an upset in the Second Division when they beat PCA by four goals to two at Caroline Hill.

Rough tactics featured two of the five Second Division games played, resulting in two players being sent off the field and another two being cautioned.

One Kit Chee player was sent off the field and another two, also from the same team, were cautioned by P. Collins during the Dockyard versus Kit Chee match at Causeway Bay.

Mr. Lai Duen-po, who was in charge of the Army Kin versus Tramways game at Boundary Street, was forced to give "marching orders" to one of the Tramways players.

Army 2—St. Joseph's 2. The game started in fine style and all looked forward to a thriller, but during the second half play deteriorated and became scrappy.

The man of the match was undoubtedly the Army centre forward Knox. He was responsible for the first goal, when he took an opportunist run to catch a loose ball and square it to Byrnes, who placed it into the net. In the second half he scored a brilliant goal by heading into the net the ball which was deflected by McDougall and Leonard.

Full credit must also go to Anderson in the Army goal, for it was he who saved the situation on many occasions by his splendid anticipation that made goalkeeping look easy.

Leonard also deserves credit for his second half showing and for keeping Knox subdued.

First thrill came when Pereira slipped a ball through Craighead's legs, but Gomes, who looked set, was ruled out.

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Mr. Wrigley Due in April

Mr. H. Wrigley, newly-appointed Australian Government Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong, is expected to arrive in the Colony by the end of April.

Mr. Wrigley held the rank of Brigadier in the Australian Army during the war. He was assigned to Japan as Commercial Counsellor, after the end of the war.

Mr. Wrigley succeeded Mr. R. Hazzard who returned to Australia last year.

Mr. H.M. Rankine has been acting as Australian Government Trade Commissioner since Mr. Hazzard's departure.

Girl Forgets Address In Excitement

Full of excitement over the prospects of being reunited with her family in Hong Kong, a 17-year-old village girl stepped off a train at Kowloon Station on Friday afternoon but could not find them—she had forgotten their address.

All she remembered was that her brother operated a shirt factory. She did remember his name.

Pedestrians whom she asked for guidance in the Star Ferry district could not help her. One sympathetic pedestrian, however, escorted her to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, where her story was recorded.

Tsoi Ping said she came from Shui Woo Village, in the Tsing Yuen District, North of Canton. Her father died when she was a child. Last year her mother joined her elder brother who operated a shirt factory in the Colony.

A few weeks ago, she received a letter from her mother asking her to come to Hong Kong. The letter was left behind when she boarded a train for Canton, thence to Kowloon.

She explained that the letter from her mother was read to her in the village as she could neither read nor write.

Tsoi Ping is at present housed at the Po Leung Kuei where she will remain until her relatives come to identify her. Meanwhile, a letter has been written to her people in the village for her brother's address.

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Police	2	Kwong Wah	1

SECOND DIVISION

Army HK	0	Chinese AA	3
Solicitors	4	PCA	2
Army Kin	3	Tramways	2
Dockyard	2	Kit Chee	1
Navy	1	KMB	3

THIRD DIVISION

Brighton	1	Bournemouth	0
Bristol C	1	Swindon	0
Exeter	1	Leyton Orient	0
Newport	2	Bristol R	1
Northampton	4	Millwall	0
Norwich	2	Port Vale	0
Reading	1	Walsall	0
Southend	1	Aldershot	0
Swansea	6	Torquay	1
Watford	1	Ipswich Town	2

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

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Bristol C	1	Swindon	0
Exeter	1	Leyton Orient	0
Newport	2	Bristol R	1
Northampton	4	Millwall	0
Norwich	2	Port Vale	0
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Southend	1	Aldershot	0
Swansea	6	Torquay	1
Watford	1	Ipswich Town	2

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

centre forward was at long range and his shot was not dangerous. Pereira started the St. Joseph movement that put them in the lead. He squared a ball almost at the half way line to Gomez and Leek had a hand in a near passing bout that ended with Castillo drove in with Andersson unsighted. The ball struck the bar upright and entered the net. It put the Saints in the lead.